



Peter C. Kottal

January 3, 1955 - September 12, 2020

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RACINE - Peter C. Kottal, 65, of Racine, WI passed away peacefully at his home on September 12, 2020.

Pete was born on January 3, 1955 to the late Charles and Sally (nee: Voitach) Kottal.

He graduated from Washington Park High School in 1974.

Pete was united in marriage to his best friend and cohort, Crystal Nelson on May 17, 1980.

He worked as an engineer at Modine Manufacturing Co, retiring in October 2018, after 43 years becoming the second longest employee of Modine.

Pete had a passion for all growing things, landscaping, gardening, and he served as landscape board member of his condo association. Pete and Crystal loved traveling to European countries, especially Italy the most which they both loved.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Crystal; sister, Anne (Robert) Schuster and Anne's two daughters, Karen and Shelia; sister-in-law, Carla (Chris Peterson) Hanson; nephew, Robert (Kristen Poehlmann) Hanson of New Hope, MN, nieces, Laura (Greg Larson) Hanson of Lake, Villa, IL, Elizabeth (Nate) McIntosh of Milwaukee. Pete is further survived by; aunts, uncles, cousins, many dear co-workers and friends.

No funeral will be held at this time of Covid as Crystal believes that condolences are best expressed by physical touch and that can't be offered at

this time.

In lieu of memorials; please plant a bush, a tree or tend a garden.

Pete told Crystal that he would like to have a song played at his funeral, Jackson Browne's song, "Sky Blue and Black".

Give it a listen as he said that it expressed all he would like to tell the world.

Crystal's profound thanks go to her sister Carla for her unfailing support, energy and love. Also to the residents of the Hidden Creek Condominiums, a place of thoughtfully kind and supportive neighbors, they have done so much for Pete and Crystal.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I was blessed to have Peter as a brother in lawmore like a brother. In good times and bad he and Crystal we're always there to comfort and lift me up. I know you're not hurting anymore but those of us left to pick up the pieces are missing you. You know I will take care of Crystal.
Love and miss you Carla

Carla - September 24, 2020 at 09:10 PM

BM

“ Crystal- I have many great memories of the mid 90's with you and for my entire career working with Pete. My condolences to you and your family. Thinking of you, Brian Merklein.

Brian Merklein - September 21, 2020 at 04:55 PM

KS

“ Oh the memories I have...back to high school days and the Hi-O gang. Home movies we made at Johnson's Park. The rides we would make to Fox Point to watch the robots walk the yards..His apartment on 3 Mile Rd and all the good times and great music. I could go on but mostly remember his kind soul and silly sense of humor. My heart goes out to you Crystal and your family. Love, Kelly Wozniak Smith

kelly Wozniak Smith - September 19, 2020 at 10:24 PM

JP

“ Can't imagine how I will keep my outside looking nice without Pete advising me and doing most the work. What a kind and wonderful neighbor! Judy P.

Judy Petersen - September 19, 2020 at 04:29 PM

SW

“ *Crystal sorry for your loss..sending prayers and hugs.*

Rick. & Sharon

Sharon White - September 18, 2020 at 03:40 PM

BV

“ *So sad to hear the news of Pete's passing...
Such a great guy, leaving many fond memories of our days at
Modine!!!
Bill Vincent*

Bill Vincent - September 18, 2020 at 01:36 PM

MV

“ *I was so sorry to receive this news. Such a tragedy that Pete and
Crystal did not have an opportunity to enjoy a full measure of a
richly deserved retirement together. Pete and I certainly had some
good times and laughs together at work, but you could always tell
he was most complete when he was with Crystal and working in
their garden.*

*Goodbye for now, old friend, I suppose you are already at work in
God's gardens.*

Mark Voss - September 18, 2020 at 12:17 PM

PT

“ *I am truly shocked and saddened by the lost of my long-time friend
Pete. We grew up together as neighbors and spent many wonderful
days enjoying common interests. My thoughts and prayers are with
Crystal, his sister Anne, and his family in this difficult time. God
Bless Pete, and thanks for the wonderful memories. Pat Tierney*

Patrick Tierney - September 17, 2020 at 08:43 PM