



Peter Mayer

May 31, 1949 - January 4, 2022

Peter Mayer, 72, resident of Racine, passed away on Tuesday January 4, 2022. He was born in Racine on May 31, 1949, son of Peter and Helen (Chvilicek) Mayer.

Peter was a lifelong resident of Racine growing up on Goleys Lane with his 11 siblings.

In March of 1969 Peter was drafted by the United States Army to serve in the Vietnam War which he did so until his honorable discharge in October of 1970. Despite the fact that the war left him with scars not visible to the naked eye, he was still proud of his service and the awards and medals he earned during his time overseas. When Peter returned home, he did his best to adjust to civilian life.

On October 29, 1971, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Deborah M. Mayer (nee: Melnik). After 33 years of marriage his beloved wife fell ill with Lou Gehrig's disease. Although this was devastating news, Peter and Deborah faced the diagnosis head-on. They chose to keep her comfortable at home where they both wanted her to be. This meant that overnight Peter became her nurse, caretaker, tooth-brusher, back scratcher, cook and comedian until she passed peacefully on October 20, 2005.

Peter was not a man of many words, but he had a very generous heart. He loved his grandchildren dearly and, in the years following his wife's passing, he filled his time taking them to and from school and watching them when needed. He also enjoyed gardening and feeding the wildlife that ventured into

his backyard.

In the last several months of his life, Peter became a resident at The Pillars at Crystal Bay Assisted Living Apartments. It took some adjusting on his part but in the short time that he was there he built friendships and bonds with the staff and residents that meant a lot to him.

Surviving are his children, Peter J.(Sherry) Mayer, III and Angela L. (Joe) Mayer. Siblings; Katie (Dennis) Hoffman, Mike (Nancy), Susan Roushia, Lorraine (Lynn) Daniels, Loretta(Sam) Ferraro, Patti (Tony) Zbichorski, Tom, Joe (Pam), Steve (Shelley), Robert (Loretta), Chris (wife of late William Mayer).

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Peter was preceded in death by his father, Peter L. Mayer, Sr.; his wife, Deborah M. Mayer (nee: Melnik); his mother, Helen M. Mayer (Chvilicek); his brother, William Mayer and his nephew, Steven Ferraro.

Visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. with full military honors to follow.

Peter will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
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Military Honors

JAN 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Peter Mayer



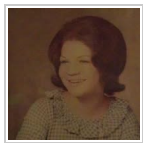
Sturino Funeral Home - January 11, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peter Mayer



Sturino Funeral Home - January 10, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



Susan Roushia - January 11, 2022 at 01:23 PM

DG

“ David & Robbynne Gandee purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Peter Mayer.



David & Robbynne Gandee - January 11, 2022 at 12:12 AM



“ 113 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sturino Funeral Home - January 10, 2022 at 06:30 PM

TB

“ Peter will truly be missed by his friends and staff at The Pillars at Crystal Bay. Peter was a delight that brought a smile to all of our faces. Our thoughts and prayer are with his loved ones.

The Team at The Pillars at Crystal Bay

The Pillars at Crystal Bay - January 07, 2022 at 07:17 PM

PM

“ My best memories of brother Pete were him playing the harmonica ! God I am going to miss that and all of our phone conversations. Love you brother !



Pam mayer - January 07, 2022 at 03:56 PM

SM

“ Fondest memories of hanging out with Pete on the back deck, sharing a bottle of whiskey, smoking his shorts and playing a song that he wrote about ("cuz here's how it goes")- Love you Pete!!

Shelley Mayer - January 07, 2022 at 11:02 AM

NM

When Pete went into care, he asked me to grow him some hot peppers. It was already into July so no one had these plants anymore, but I found one packet of seeds. I planted them, cared for them and he would be happy to know that they now proudly contain 5 small peppers. A gardener to the end, Pete.

Nancy Mayer - January 07, 2022 at 04:37 PM