



Peter J Harris

November 14, 1950 - June 2, 2020

Peter John Harris, age 69, best friend, soulmate, avid hunter, fishing god, husband, dedicated professional, role model, mentor / coach, and father of three children peacefully passed away on June 2, 2020 at his home in Loveland, Colorado after a lengthy battle with Ataxia and multiple system atrophy. His loving wife, Peggy (Buhr) Harris, stayed by his side 47 years and was his true champion in his fight against his illness. Peter and Peggy's love for each other was unmatched and a guiding example of a successful marriage. He was born on November 14, 1950, in Hillsboro, Wisconsin, to Earl Clifford Harris and Barbara (Cesnik) Harris.

Peter grew up on a farm near Hillsboro, Wisconsin. He graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1969. Following graduation from high school, Peter attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin majoring in Parks and Recreation Management. He graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Peter married Peggy Ann Buhr on August 25, 1973 in Juneau, Wisconsin. Following marriage, Peter became Park and Recreation Manager for Neenah, Wisconsin and then the City of Ashwaubenon where he worked for over ten years. He then made a career change and served 29 years as a marketing and project sales executive for Foth and Van Dyke, STS Consultants, and AECOM.

Peter was an avid outdoorsman with fly fishing as his true love and passion. He was a member and past President of the Green Bay area's Trout Unlimited chapter. He loved to go hunting with his immediate family. The annual deer hunting season was a special time for him to hunt with his sons, brother, and nephews. Peter was very athletic and won many trophies in playing handball and other sporting activities.

Peter never turned down an opportunity to lend a helping hand. He was a go-getter, a doer, a person who loved through action. He was a man of integrity and was friends with everyone. His kindness and thoughtfulness never ceased to amaze and his love for his family surpassed all bounds. He never complained about his circumstances and was thankful for all he had.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Barbara Harris; in-laws, Laverne and Arlouine Buhr; sister-in-law, Gail Buhr; and nephew, Blake Buhr.

Peter is survived by his spouse Peggy of Loveland, Colorado; three children: Angela (Andrew) Mills of Fort Collins, Colorado; Luke (Julia) Harris of Overland Park, Kansas; and Matthew (Raquel) Harris of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Nadia Mills, Eva Mills, Olivia Harris, Sabrina Harris, Fiona Harris, Claudia Harris, Breckin Harris, and Ever Harris. One brother, Paul Harris (Rita) of La Crosse, Wisconsin and one sister, Mary (Glenn) Barrowman of Florissant, Colorado and many nieces and nephews.

Due to the Covid-19 virus restrictions, a private family ceremony is planned for Thursday, June 11th. A celebration of life for relatives and friends will take place in Wisconsin in the summer of 2021.

For the past five years, Peter was active in the National Ataxia Foundation and participated in yearly fund-raising events to support research in the

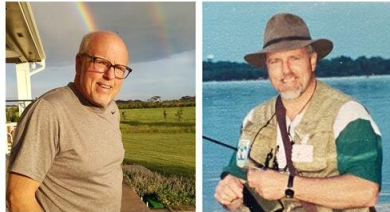
treatment and prevention of various forms of ataxia. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family asks that you make a donation in his honor to the National Ataxia Foundation (<https://www.facebook.com/donate/722385088497389/10220941802788355/>).

Peter could bring a sense of humor to all situations and his faith was his guiding light and foundation for his family. Remembering Pete will be easy. Missing him will be a heartache that will never go away

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Peter J Harris*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - June 12, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ *I knew Pete from my days as the Marketing Director for STS Consultants. You can imagine that a 20-something, female marketing smart-aleck wasn't always a favorite among a bunch of engineers. But Pete was always respectful, welcoming and genuine - as well as a brilliant mind. He helped my team and our company succeed over and over again, while creating a really fun workplace. What a loss! All my sympathies to your family.*

Tawnie Cisneros - June 09, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter J Harris.*



June 08, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter J Harris.*



June 08, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Peter was a very special person. I was his CNA for quite a while and adored every visit I had with him and his wife Peg. We would always high five each other along with much laughter! One of the sweetest and kind hearted men I have ever met. He was a true inspiration to me and will be deeply missed*
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Hiedi - June 07, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ *Great family trip October 2019. As a bucket list item for Peter, he travelled with my mom and my sister's family to North Carolina.*



Matthew Harris - June 06, 2020 at 04:52 PM



Beautiful family ❤️

Hiedi - June 07, 2020 at 10:37 PM

CW

“ These are photos of Pete fishing in a stream in Rocky Mt Nat Park. It was taken after the 1999 APWA Congress in Denver. Great day with Pete in the mountains.



Carl Weber - June 06, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ Pete was one of the best team member and leader that I worked with. Consulting engineering is fraught with changes and challenges, through all the trials and tribulations Pete kept the same demeanor he always had a smile on his face and his quick wit put smiles on other's faces.

Kevin Richardson - June 06, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter J Harris.



June 06, 2020 at 11:04 AM

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“ I first met Pete 31 years ago at a conference and knew immediately what a great guy he was. Even though we were competitors we became great friends. I looked forward to seeing Pete at all of the golf outings and events we attended. He was one of my favorite people. The world needs more people like Pete Harris. His passing leaves a void in the very best part of humanity.

Steve Walker - June 06, 2020 at 10:57 AM

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Agreed, a void in the very best of humanity! Well said Steve!

Hiedi - June 07, 2020 at 10:39 PM

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What wonderful memories Peg.

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“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Peter J Harris.



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