



Peter J. Bourassa

December 15, 1951 - August 27, 2024

Peter J. Bourassa, age 72 passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Peter was born in Ottawa, Canada, to parents Harry and Jackie Bourassa, where they raised Peter and his brother, John and his sister, Elaine. He attended a French speaking grade school and, later, St. Patrick's, an all-boys high school. Peter went on to attend Carleton University where he majored in Engineering and played football.

Peter was also an avid kayaker; as a young boy he joined the Rideau Canoe Club and spent endless hours kayaking up and down the river. His dedication paid off, earning him many awards for local and national competitions. When he got older, he joined the National Canadian Kayaking Team, competing across Canada and Europe.

Nevertheless, Peter had many passions. He loved music and was in a band. His beloved Fender guitar still hangs on the wall in his home office. And, in his spare time, Peter got his pilot's license. But, it was hard not to recognize his love for the water - he became SCUBA certified and got certified to captain a 125 foot boat.

When they were children, Peter's parents would put Peter and his brother and

sister in the car and drive to Florida, on holidays. In the 1970's, his parents purchased a condo on the intercoastal, in Tequesta. Later, they settled in a condo on Singer Island. And, in the 1980's, Peter moved to Jupiter, FL, with both of his siblings settling nearby.

From a young age, Peter apprenticed at his father's company, Glebe Electric. This experience led him to manage an electrical company in Hull, Quebec, across the river from Ottawa. After moving to Florida, Peter enjoyed a successful career as the President and Owner of Canam Systems, an electrical contracting company he owned and ran for 35 years. He had many dedicated and loyal employees and successfully took on projects all over South Florida. Peter joined a CEO Club and was a member for many years.

In 1986, Peter married Kathy and happily joined her family of two children, Justin and Liege. He became an immediate "best husband" and "best father". Three years later, Peter and Kathy added their daughter, Jackie, to their happy family- the best addition ever!

From the day Peter and Kathy married, they owned a boat. Peter's enthusiasm for the water became his whole family's enthusiasm! He taught them how to drive the boat, scuba dive and snorkel. Many times they crossed the ocean to the Bahamas with their kids, taking boating trips with their friends and their friend's children. Their passion for boating would continue throughout the years- with Peter finally selling their last boat just two years ago.

Last year, Peter sold his company and decided to 'slow down the pace'. He joined Meisner Electric, in Boca Raton, where he made great new friends he enjoyed working with and enjoyed working on his projects.

Peter was a dedicated and loving family man, and without question, one of the

greatest loves in Peter's life was being "Papa" to his five beautiful grandchildren. They brought him an abundance of joy and happiness.

Peter lived a life packed full of hard work, accomplishment, dedication and love. He will be forever cherished and missed by his family, his friends and everyone whose lives he touched, including Kathy's 10 siblings and their spouses and children, who so respected and loved Peter.

Peter was pre-deceased by his parents; his sister, Elaine; his brother, John; and, his nephew, Andre.

Peter leaves behind his loving wife, Kathy; his three children, Justin (Debbie), Liege (Michael) and Jackie (Zach); his grandchildren Jack, Lily, Abby, Hudson, and Hayes; and, his nephew James Bourassa.

A Memorial Service will be celebrated for Peter on Tuesday, September 3rd, at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, in Jupiter, FL. The Visitation will be held from 4:00pm-7:00pm and the Memorial Service will be held at 6:15pm.

At the family's suggestion, flowers may be ordered through Anna's Flower's at 561-746-1288.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Prayer Service

SEP 3. 6:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I met Peter (and Kathy and Jackie too) in 1992 in Ottawa Canada. Peter took me to dinner in a Chinese food restaurant. Peter liked Chinese food. He liked to cook too. Often he would cook and bring his leftovers into the shop. He would share too. I liked his cooking. I liked his excitement about food and flavors and cooking. One such memory he made his moms tourtiere recipe, he gave me a half a pie and I cut it into thin slices and froze them savoring every piece. Oh and his other stuff like his jambalaya. He liked wines also, varietals mostly French wines. Wines are fun. And boats and boating and just sitting on the water, and he got his boat captains license too, he liked a good challenge. At the office he was a good captain, courageous and fearless and I liked how he navigated those waters and waves. He let people be who they are. He like to work and often included us in his life by telling stories, about his weekend. He treasured spending time with his wife and family, his children, his grandchildren. His stories also included his siblings, his parents, his travels, being a kid, a teenager, his whole life. I liked his values about enjoying life and family and work. I liked that.

STEVEN & SUSAN LAFONTAINE - September 03, 2024 at 09:49 AM

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Dear Kathy and family, We are deeply sorry for your loss. May your cherished memories of Peter bring you comfort during this difficult time, and may you find strength in the love and support of those around you.
Christine and Lynn Campbell

Christine Campbell - September 05, 2024 at 04:24 PM

JH

“ I’ll always be grateful for Peter’s kindness and his strong steady hand when we experienced my father’s illness and death together. He was very close to my father and a great family man who loved life with our sister Kathy and encouraged all his children and five grands!
The Hurley siblings are lucky to have been a part of his family.

Joan Hurley - September 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM

AH

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Peter during the last two decades. Three themes were dominant: First his strong connection to his roots in Canada, including his mother's French Canadian heritage and his father's prominent role in the Ottawa economy; Second, his deep love for his wife and kids and excitement for the grandchildren; and finally, a drive to succeed in his own long-term business pursuits. A fine fellow that I was glad to know. Andrew Hewat

Andrew Hewat - September 02, 2024 at 10:41 AM

PE

“ For a few youthful years we were close friends, then lost touch. One spring we ran the mighty Jock River. I could not dip my paddle fast enough to keep time with him, as he powered the canoe. I still do not know how he talked me into doing the skeleton with him... a stupid, dangerous, winter sport that he loved. Great athlete, great guy, great sense of humour, sadly missed... Patrick in Ottawa

Patrick Esmonde-White - August 31, 2024 at 04:26 PM

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“ So sad to hear .We had a group of friends through university and later .sport was always the enduring theme .
While playing slo- pitch at Crown Point , Pete severely injured his shoulder ...rotator cuff ? He claimed it ruined any chance of Olympic dreams ...
His love of a good time was infectious .

Brack - August 31, 2024 at 02:58 PM

JM

“ Kathy and family.....Jim and I were so sorry to hear of Peter's passing. Although we only had the privilege of spending time with him for a few days, it couldn't have been under better circumstances; the marriage of our children Zack and Jackie. We had great conversations during that time, and I thoroughly enjoyed being able to share a dance with Peter at the wedding reception. Extending our thoughts of peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Joyce and Jim Mundus

Joyce Mundus - August 30, 2024 at 11:26 AM