



Mr. Peter L. Nixon

November 2, 1954 - February 14, 2021

The Nixon family shares, with great sadness, the news that Peter Laurence Nixon died suddenly on February 14, 2021. Peter was born November 2, 1954 at Pittsfield General Hospital to parents Patricia May Nixon and Paul Brendan Nixon. He attended local schools and graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1972. Peter went on to attend Berkshire Community College and then the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, graduating in 1977 with a BS in Environmental Design.

Peter started his career working as an architect at local firms. He went on to a 30 year career as principal mechanical engineer at what is now Krofta Technologies, retiring in November of 2020. He was particularly proud of his work designing the Pittsfield Water Filtration System.

Peter loved all things mechanical, and loved to tinker even as a boy, eager to figure out how everything worked. Anyone needing something fixed knew Peter was your go-to handyman. His interest in mechanics led to a love of foreign sports cars, from his Triumph TR4 to his coveted Porsche 911S. He was a longtime member of the Berkshire Motor Sports Car Club.

Peter had a passion for outdoor pursuits, including biking, both road and mountain, hiking, and skiing. He enjoyed the social aspect of the Berkshire Cycling Association's Thursday evening rides and challenged himself on an annual cycle up Mt. Greylock. He enjoyed downhill skiing with his sons and brothers in Colorado and Italy, but he always loved skiing locally with his favorite ski partner, his wife.

Peter is survived by his wife, Carol Vogler Nixon and his mother, Patrica May Nixon, both of Pittsfield, son Jeffrey Nixon and wife Jocelyn Nixon of Fitchburg, MA, and son Jonathan Nixon and wife Kelsy (Pero) Nixon of Minot, ME. He is also survived by his brothers Timothy Nixon and Christopher Nixon, both living in Colorado, and his cherished grandsons, Calvin and Finn Nixon. Peter was a beloved husband, son, father, brother; he especially loved being Poppy to his grandsons. To say he will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have him in their lives is an understatement.

Funeral Notice:

A memorial for Peter will be held outdoors later this spring. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Peter can be made to the Berkshire Natural Resource Council or Trustees of the Reservation, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Peter L. Nixon.*



March 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Pete was a wonderful man. Love his family, hard worker, always helped others. Pete helped me significantly as a single parent. He will be greatly missed. I am thinking of all of you Carol, Pat, Jeffrey and Jonathan and their families. Again, I am truly sorry I just found out about this.*

Susan Boyer

Susan Boyer - March 01, 2021 at 06:26 PM

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“ *Susan Boyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Peter L. Nixon*



Susan Boyer - March 01, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Peter L. Nixon.*



February 21, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Peter and I shared a mutual interest in Mechanical Design & Engineering, Having started at GE in Pittsfield, I moved into shipbuilding in eastern Massachusetts while raising our young family. I recall sharing advise with Peter some thirty years ago as his career took off. Sadly we will cherish our memories of Peter. He was a stand-up guy
Cousin Homer and Betty May
Sagamore Beach, Mass.*

HOMER MAY - February 21, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *My dearest cousin Peter, one of the most kind and giving souls I've ever known. I remember when was always helping my Mom, his Aunt Marilyn at her home on Crane Ave. There are no words to express the sadness in my heart. My love and prayers go to Carol, Aunt Pat, Tim, Chris, Jon and Jeff and families. Love cousin Melody.*

Melody VanOteghem - February 20, 2021 at 08:47 AM



Our hearts are with you and sorrowful. Much love, Marge & Jim Nixon and family.

Marge Nixon - February 20, 2021 at 03:49 PM