



Dan William Peek

August 29, 1945 - May 27, 2019

Dan William Peek, age 73, passed away Monday, May 27, 2019, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born August 29, 1945 in Nebraska, a son of the late George and Clarica (Manes) Peek.

On July 1, 2000, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Joy (Williams) Peek.

In addition to careers in marketing, banking and franchising, Dan was a musician, playing the five string banjo in bands for many years. He was an accomplished author, having penned three books titled: To the Point – The History of Darts in America, Live at the Ozark Opry and co-authored A Peoples History of the Lake of the Ozarks with Kent Van Landuyt. His books impacted many people in a positive way. He and Joy also owned and operated a publishing company, Totem Pointe Books for several years. Dan also assisted a business associate in obtaining a patent which became very successful.

He enjoyed living at the Lake of the Ozarks, especially sitting outside to take in the beautiful lake view. Most importantly, he loved his wife, sons and grandchildren. His best times were spent sharing stories and singing songs with his grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews. His love for his grandchildren led he and Joy to establish the corporation, G.R.O.W.

(Grandparents and Others on Watch). It was their mission to train and educate others about child abuse before it was too late.

The light of Dan's life included his wife, Joy; sons, Craig Baer and wife Kim, Nathan Baer and wife Kim and Seth Baer; grandchildren, Grace Baer, Spencer Baer and Elizabeth Baer; his sisters, Lola Rice, Georgia Robb and husband Charles and Carol Holt and husband Chuck; his brother, Jim Peek and wife Connie and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Plumlee.

A celebration of Dan's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 31st, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church with Pastor Chris Seah officiating. Graveside services and inurnment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Friday, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
208 N. Fisher St.
Versailles, MO 65084

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Dan was an old friend of mine from way back in our “hippie” days in Columbia, Missouri, I knew him from 1967-1969, Then I was drafted & sent to Vietnam. I never went back to Columbia after I came home, so I never saw Dan after 1969, but I have fond memories of his banjo music with Jerome Wheeler. I was the drummer in a band called “Crystal Clear” & Dan encouraged us. R.I.P. my old friend.
Sonny Smith
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Sonny Smith - October 18, 2022 at 12:39 AM

CB

“ Dear Joy - I was so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I enjoyed so much coming to your house on Roemer Road in Columbia for the Jerome Fest weekends. Dan and Jerome were friends of mine from the "old days" in Columbia when we were all musicians and performing at the Ivanhoe. I'll always have fond memories of Dan - he was always upbeat and friendly back in the day and of course when we all met up years later for the Fest. Blessings to you and prayers for Dan's soul as it wings it's way to Heaven. I'm sure he will be entertaining the crowd up there too!
Cheryl Bailey, Fairfield, Iowa

Cheryl Bailey - June 16, 2019 at 02:35 PM

TK

“ How exciting it was for me in the 7th grade, to arrive at the Peek home on Jess Morris' school bus! It was a joy to see Dan each morning and to get to ride to school with him. I remember Dan's reading many books in high school and his excellent vocabulary. Joy, I remember you from Miss Lampton's 6th grade class and, of course, in Miss McDonald's biology class and in chemistry and physics with RSK. It was a joy to see your parents in the audience when I spoke at the alumni banquet in 2003. Dan was always a "laid back" person in my mind. May memories and our Lord bring comfort to you during this time.



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - May 30, 2019 at 11:27 AM

MB

“ Thinking of you.



Maxine and Keith Branson - May 30, 2019 at 09:25 AM

NA

“ Dan and I sat next to each other in sophomore English class and used to enjoy discussing many things--usually not English. I remember him as a person who really enjoyed playing music. He was always treated people kindly and was friendly. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Joy, and all your family. May Jesus comfort you, wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace.
Naomi Gingerich

Naomi - May 29, 2019 at 09:34 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I have fond memories of meeting with Dan to discuss G.R.O.W. He was very passionate about child welfare. He certainly left this world a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Casey

Casey Berndt - May 29, 2019 at 04:48 PM

WB

“ Joy and Family,
I will always remember, fondly, the music conversations I had with Dan, and the joy it was for me to record him with his banjo in my home studio. Also very much loved his support to Steve and me at the old D'Agostino's Restaurant where we "opened" for Dan and his band perhaps in 2004?

Bill Birkby

William F. Birkby - May 29, 2019 at 03:31 PM

JK

“ Joy, I was so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. You were such good neighbors on Roemer Road all those years ago. Jay passed five years ago and I sold the house and am living in a condo in Columbia. I remember coming to your house for jam sessions in June. Fun times! My prayers are with you. Jo Ketchie

jo Ketchie - May 29, 2019 at 11:27 AM

PM

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'" - John 11:25

Patrisia Magallon - May 29, 2019 at 10:39 AM

SR

“ Shirley Root lit a candle in memory of Dan William Peek



Shirley Root - May 28, 2019 at 02:34 PM