



Kevin Petersen

December 6, 1959 - August 4, 2009

Loving Husband and Son; Gifted Musician

Kevin Robert Petersen, 49 of Rockford died at 4:36 pm on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at his residence. Born on December 6, 1959 in Milwaukee, WI. Son of Jerry and Doris (Grau) Petersen. Kevin graduated from Brookfield East High School in Wisconsin. He obtained his Bachelor Degree from UW –Madison. While attending graduate school, at UW-Milwaukee he met his future wife, Sandra Stephens. They were united in marriage on August 31, 1985 in Milwaukee. Kevin was employed at the Greater Rockford Airport as an Air Traffic Controller. After obtaining his pilot's license, he shared his joy of flying with his family and friends by taking them on trips around the Midwest. He was a member of both the Blackhawk Flying Club and NATCA Union. Kevin was an extremely talented musician; he played with many local bands, and arranged and composed his own music. He opened his own home recording studio called Kevin's Recording & Audio Production Studio, or "K.R.A.P." He was a skilled trombone and keyboard player and greatly enjoyed sharing his gift of music with all who knew him. Survived by his loving wife, Sandy; father, Jerry (Mary) Petersen of St. Louis, MO; mother, Doris (Grau) Petersen of Brookfield, WI; brother, David Petersen of St. Louis, MO; nephew, Michael Hart of Tallahassee, FL; step-father-in-law, Brano Treskon, of New Port Richey, FL; sister-in-law, Cheryl (Alan) Grimes) of Sarasota, FL; friends from the Clutch Cargo Band, and the Moonlight Jazz Orchestra; and many other friends whose lives he touched. Predeceased by his grandparents.

A celebration of Kevin's life will be held on Saturday, August 8th at 11 am at Heartland Community Church, 1280 South Alpine Rd. Rockford, Pastor Gordy Smith, will officiate. Visitation will begin at 9 am until the time of the service. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorial Contributions may be made to Kevin's family. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information please visit graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Heartland Community Church
1280 South Alpine Road
Rockford, IL

Service

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Tribute Wall



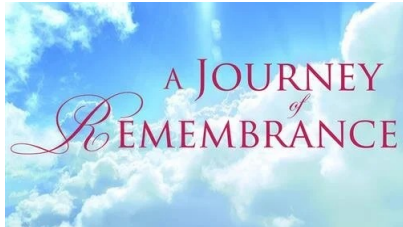
“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Kevin Petersen



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 04, 2014 at 11:08 AM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kevin Petersen



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“ Sandy, we just learned of Kevin's passing. Although we had just met him, in July at the neighborhood picnic, we really enjoyed talking to you both. Our sincere condolences to you and if we can be of help to you let us know.##imported-begin##Betty & Jim Thomas##imported-end##

August 13, 2009 at 09:12 PM



“ Jim and I sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. Words can not express our sorrow.##imported-begin##Jim Megna and Kathy Moscillo##imported-end##

August 10, 2009 at 09:27 AM



“ On behalf of all the members of Blackhawk Flying Club, I wish to send our sympathies.

Kevin was a Board member (Secretary) during 2007-08. He cooked the meat at our semi-annual Wash & Wax.

He last flew our Cessna 172 on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009.

He will be missed by all,

John Mullen

Pres BFC###imported-begin##John Mullen###imported-end##

August 10, 2009 at 12:16 AM



“ Sandy. I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. We at NATCA are hear to help in anyway Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you or your family.###imported-begin##Melody ZDC###imported-end##

August 09, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ My deepest sympathy.###imported-begin##Vincent A. Megna###imported-end##

August 09, 2009 at 07:48 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear about Kevin. He was a great guy and will be missed. I often brought Kevin some chili from Green Bay, Chili John's. He and Sandy really liked the stuff. Kevin was a real regular guy, and there aren't many of them left. The music and aviation communities will not be the same without "KP".###imported-begin##Rick Young###imported-end##

August 08, 2009 at 10:21 PM



“ I just learned about Kevin this morning. I'm sorry for the his loss to family and friends. Kevin was fun to work with at San Jose tower.###imported-begin##David Chasuk###imported-end##

August 08, 2009 at 01:29 PM



“ Sandy, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, Kevin! He was a wonderful musician and a heck of a good pilot not to mention a friend. He will be missed by many! My thoughts and prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##jill boloski##imported-end##

August 08, 2009 at 09:58 AM



“ Sandy, I'm not sure if you remember me, but my memories of my very first experiences with Rockford Horn Club at the Tin Whistle include very pleasant ones of Kevin. He was a charming and friendly presence that I won't soon forget. I'm so sorry for your loss. God bless both of you. Sincerely, Mary Jane White##imported-begin##mary jane white##imported-end##

August 08, 2009 at 08:42 AM



“ Our very deepest condolences to Sandy and all of Kevin's family. Although separated by miles he touched our lives continuously and will be missed dearly. Until we meet again in the glory of heaven above.##imported-begin##Carl & Sara Pellegrini##imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 10:41 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. Kevin was a great friend and I can remember my first few days at SJC when Kevin introduced himself and made me feel welcomed. He provided many laughs and when you got uptight, Kevin knew how to get you to calm down and was always there to help out.##imported-begin##Alan Gorski##imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 07:27 PM



“ You are a great friend with many talents. I am honored and blessed by knowing you and in being your friend. We have shared many a happy time and memories over the years. Your in a better place with our lord where you can watch us and smile over us. You'll always be with us no matter where life takes us. Be well my friend. You will be surely missed by all of us. Your friend always Tom Hubbs.##imported-begin##Tom Hubbs##imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 02:37 PM



“ It is with deepest sympathy to hear of your loss. Kevin a good friend of mine here at San Jose Tower, San Jose, CA when I first met him. I am still working here as the secretary to the air traffic manager. Met Kevin, a very nice guy, and one of a million. His dimples when he'd smiled reminds me of him today. He was a good man and was an asset to this facility. My heart goes out to the Petersen's family and most especially to his wife he's left behind. I can understand deeply the feelings of losing a loved one. But no matter how many times we ask ourselves why, and how our lives end up this way, i only have one answer, life is just borrowed, soon we'll give it back. Our love and prayers are with you. The whole personnel here at San Jose tower extends our condolences for this tragic moment.

Love,

Nini Reynante

275 Martin Avenue

Santa Clara, CA 95050

(408) 982-0750###imported-begin###Nini Reynante###imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 01:43 PM



“ My deepest regret to the entire Petersen family. When I came to SJC to continue as a controller I had the pleasure of working with Kevin. He was one of the most level headed and easiest person I ever had the chance to work with. It is with great sadness that Kevin is no longer with us, he will be missed.....###imported-begin###Richard Burton###imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ Sandy,
Words cannot express our deeply felt sorrow and condolences to you and your families. Kevin was such a great person - you can be so proud of the life he lived - always ready to lend a hand and kind hearted. He will be greatly missed. Jim has said he misses him already, they had such a great time playing together, as well as breaking into the impromptu "choreography for some of the songs. May God watch over you and comfort you during this time.

Love,

Jim & Sandy###imported-begin###Jim & Sandy Licari###imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 10:19 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers. Sandra, you and Kevin were quite a team. I have enjoyed keeping updated on your adventures through your annual Christmas messages. I know you will remember all the 'gifts' Kevin had and be thankful to God for Kevin's life. May the Holy Spirit give you strength during this most difficult time.

Peace, Prayers, Sympathy...

Santo###imported-begin##Santo Carfora###imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 10:02 AM



“ Sandy, you know I love you! It's been nearly 34 years since we first met in "junior high" school! I always thought Kevin was the best, since the first time I met him! I have many great memories of our time all together. Gotta love that LONG drive back from California! John and I will miss Kevin very much. I know John will never, ever forget his chance to fly with Kevin. I will always be there for you and I won't wait for you to call me!

With love and all our prayers, Tammy and John###imported-begin##Tammy Fredricks###imported-end##

August 07, 2009 at 01:42 AM



“ My condolences go out to the family and friends of Kevin. The sudden loss of a loved one is never easy but know that Kevin had many brothers and sisters in NATCA for you to lean on if you need us. Our brother will be missed.###imported-begin##Gloria Kolloch###imported-end##

August 06, 2009 at 09:42 PM



“ I would like to send my most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Kevin.

In Respect,

Sean T. Groceman

NATCA Member###imported-begin##Sean T. Groceman###imported-end##

August 06, 2009 at 09:24 PM



“ Sandy,
May the love and trust you and Kevin shared be an example to all couples...two
puzzle pieces perfectly fit for one another.
Todd and I love you and are here for you always.
Love, Lori###imported-begin##Lori###imported-end##

August 06, 2009 at 06:04 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. My husband and I are big fans of the
Rockford area music, and Clutch Cargo. They will not be the same without him.
We will miss you Kevin.###imported-begin##Tina Miller###imported-end##

August 06, 2009 at 01:16 PM