



## Peter J. DiGiovanni

June 23, 1964 - December 10, 2025

Peter Jay DiGiovanni, 61, passed away on December 10, 2025, in Chicago, Illinois, the city where he was born, raised and spent most of his life.

Born on June 23, 1964, Pete grew up surrounded by close family and many many friends. He always said that he was the luckiest guy in the world!

He shared a close bond with his family throughout his life. Raised by loving parents who instilled strong values, his connection with his siblings remained strong over the years—a testament to the enduring ties of family. Pete was never without a story of growing up and the good times he had. Memories of his childhood were precious to him.

Pete attended grammar school at St. Francis Borgia and graduated from Steinmetz High School. It was there he formed many friendships that last to this day. And many many memories of great times that live on in those friends.

After high school, Pete began working at ADP - a job that not only began his professional journey but also introduced him to Jill, the love of his life. Pete's career path eventually led him into logistics, where he spent many years working at Danzas and DBSchenker. Known for his honesty and strong work ethic, Pete approached every job with integrity and commitment. All along the

way, he built many lasting friendships and earned respect and admiration from his friends and colleagues. Whether at work or in his personal life, Pete had a gift for connection - he made many friends, each one touched by his warmth and humor.

Pete's life was never just about work - it was about living fully and passionately. Known for his boundless energy and infectious spirit, Pete lived by a simple motto: "Have a good time..all the time." From his earliest days through adulthood, he embraced life with enthusiasm and was always at the heart of every gathering—often stirring up a little mischief and a lot of laughter. His vibrant spirit and zest for living left a lasting impression on those around him.

A lifelong music lover, Pete was a drummer in a rock and roll band with his best friends from school days, who shared his love of music. Music wasn't just a hobby - it was part of who Pete was. His passion for rhythm never left him; music remained a constant companion throughout his life. Whether it was pounding on his drums or simply listening to his favorite tunes at home, music was part of Pete's soul.

Pete had a deep appreciation for the simple pleasures in life: walking through the woods with his beloved dog Fred, watching horror movies on Friday and Saturday nights, or just hanging around his backyard in Norridge with those he loved the most. He cherished his life with what he fondly called "his pack" - his wife Jill and their dog Fred - finding joy in their everyday routines and quiet moments together.

Pete also enjoyed watching sports - proudly noting that he had lived to see all of Chicago's major teams win their championships.

Pete's sense of humor lit up every gathering; he was always joking, always

laughing, always smiling - a man with a huge spirit who filled every space he entered. Known for "harassing those he loved," Pete's teasing came from a place of deep affection. He brought joy, laughter, and a unique spark to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Friends remember him for his smile, his quick wit, and above all else, his kindness. And there was only one Pete!!

Pete is survived by his wife Jill and their dog Fred; his brother Mike and family; sisters Diane and Jayne and families; father-in-law Len; sisters-in-law Karin and Lisa and families; and an extraordinary circle of friends whose lives were forever changed by knowing him.

Pete now joins those who passed before him; his parents Jay and Micky; mother-in-law Marilyn; beloved dogs Misty and Chester; turtle Peeve; and way way too many dear friends who went ahead to wait for him.

Pete believed there was something greater than us all - and found comfort in knowing that those he loved would be waiting for him when it was time.

Pete's legacy is one of fun, spontaneity, and unforgettable moments. Whether sharing stories or lighting up a room with his humor, he made people laugh. Pete was - a kind soul, a great friend, a devoted husband and dog dad... and just a great guy whose memory will live on in every beat of music played, every laugh shared among friends, every walk through the woods with a loyal companion by your side. May Pete's memory bring comfort and smiles to all who knew him - and may we all carry forward a bit of his humor, honesty, energy, and love for a life well-lived.

A Celebration of Pete's Life will be held on January 23, 2026, at Schielka

Addison Street Funeral Home, 7710 W Addison Street Chicago IL 60634

In remembrance of Pete, contributions may be made to Heartland Animal Shelter ([heartlandanimalshelter.org](http://heartlandanimalshelter.org))...an enduring tribute that honors his spirit and compassion.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN **23**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home  
7710 West Addison Street  
Chicago, IL 60634  
(773) 625-3444

# Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to hear this. I knew Pete only by seeing each other walking around Hiawatha Park. A great guy. After about a year, we figured out we were both singing drummers who had had the same band for decades. What are the odds? My condolences.

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**Jimmy Watkins** - February 23 at 06:07 PM

DS

“ So sorry for the loss. It was comforting however to have been there in the ICU when Pete and my mother were there and we had each other to hug and be with. Many memories - all happy and with a smile. (The Banking Dept was never the same after Pete left.) - Dave Scorza

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**Dave Scorza** - January 19 at 11:34 AM

WW

“ Wayne And Patti Witucki lit a candle in memory of Peter J. DiGiovanni



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**Wayne and Patti Witucki** - January 16 at 03:23 PM

WM

“ *Pete Pete I am at a loss for words .. soo many memories w you and with Jill*

*You taught me how to pour a Weiss Beer to perfection! You always played a Who song for me! You even tried to teach me how to play drums.*

*Every BBQ party wake there was always the group all around Pete. Everyone just wanted to be by you !Your smile was infectious!!*

*You were one of the Bestest friend anyone could ask for and what incredible gift it truly was.*

*It was one of the best parts of my life knowing you .*

*I know there is one hell of a reunion party going on !!*

*Love ya*

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**Wendy McGann** - January 12 at 03:36 PM

MG

“ *Always a Great time Up North. Will be missed my friend!!!*



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**Mike Gordon** - January 07 at 10:23 AM

DJ

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



DJ - December 25, 2025 at 11:42 AM

DP

“ Pete, thanks for the laughs and your friendship. It was always a pleasure and a treat getting together with you. You will be missed. Rest easy my friend.



David Pecora - December 19, 2025 at 09:14 PM

MK

“ Pedro, so many classic times from the neighborhood: Friday nights at mugshots, devils lake, Oktoberfest, dinner at Buca's, ... the memories are eternal. RIP good buddy.



matt kaberlein - December 19, 2025 at 07:10 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Michael Malek** - December 14, 2025 at 02:34 PM

KB

“ Karin B. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter J. DiGiovanni.

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**Karin B.** - December 14, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DC

“ Uncle Pete you will always be the funniest at the family parties and I'll always miss giving the puppies all our love while everyone was busy bickering. I'll forever cherish and miss your "Ciao Bella" texts. Thank you for being so funny and loving, I love you.



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**Dana Cicardo** - December 13, 2025 at 09:17 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael DiGiovanni - December 13, 2025 at 03:53 PM

MD

*In our hearts.*

Michael DiGiovanni - December 13, 2025 at 03:55 PM

TM

*Damn. I just heard. OMG. So sorry Mike.*

tom Murphy - January 26 at 02:22 PM

MM

“ *Pete, you will always be the Hyper Rooster to me, thanks for helping me to look at life with a sense of humor. You convinced me years ago I was taking life too seriously., and I was. I'm surely gonna miss ya, love ya brother.*



Michael Malek - December 12, 2025 at 11:43 PM

TF

“ *The McCartney Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Peter J. DiGiovanni.*



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**The McCartney Family** - December 12, 2025 at 08:04 PM

TF

“ *The McCartney Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter J. DiGiovanni.*

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**The McCartney Family** - December 12, 2025 at 08:04 PM

MD

“ *My baby brother has shed his earthly bonds and has touched the face of God. I love you brother.*

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**Michael DiGiovanni** - December 12, 2025 at 07:21 AM