



Peter John Goudreau

September 19, 1956 - July 26, 2018

Peter John Goudreau, age 61, of Garland, Texas passed away tragically in a motorcycle accident on July 26, 2018. He will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband. Pete touched the lives of many people. Friends describe him as "brilliant, witty, and great to be around." He loved to spend time with his family and was always ready to listen. He tinkered with ham radios, sound systems and photography and collected cars and motorcycles.

Pete was a native Texan born on September 19, 1956 in Freeport. Pete spent a significant portion of his childhood in Berea, Ohio, from which he recounted his fondest memories. After finishing high school in Brownsville, Texas, Pete attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics. Pete had a long and successful career in engineering. For the last 15 years he was a very skilled Power Field Applications Engineer with Texas Instruments. Pete held several patents in Optical Communications Technology and was on TI's Tech Ladder, a distinction given for showing exceptional technical expertise and skills. "For anything power related, Pete was the go-to guy for everyone. He provided exceptional support for many customers with a positive can do attitude. His demeanor and personality were friendly and easy-going and whenever anyone worked with Pete they expressed how helpful he was."

Pete found passion and joy in his relationship with his late wife, Linda. They met in Dallas through a mutual friend and enjoyed a long marriage. His tireless, loving devotion to her was unending, tending to her every need throughout her illness with Alzheimer's. He leaves us all with a truly beautiful example to follow.

He is survived by his brother Dr. Jeff Goudreau and wife Sally, step-son Phillip Crocker and wife Lasondra, step-daughter Claudia Holland and husband Eddie, nieces Christina, Savannah, and Melanie, nephew Alexander, grandchildren Alexandra, Stephen, and Kaley and his great granddaughter Kinlyn. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 38 years, Linda and his parents, Peter and Barbara Goudreau.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at Rest Haven Funeral Home- Rowlett Chapel.

Events

AUG **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM

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Rest Haven - Rowlett Location

3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - July 31, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ Pete and I worked together many years ago yet we manage to stay in touch. His sense of humor was unequaled, and his love of Knuckle Head Motorcycles was most intense.

A great engineer too. RIP buddy!

Johnny Bocchetti - September 12, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ Pete, you are greatly missed. Your technical brilliance was beyond stunning, and your zest for life unmatched. I'm so glad we had a chance to talk at length just a few weeks ago, right after Linda passed. God speed my friend.

John Grou - August 25, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ My condolences to Pete's family. I only recently reconnected with Pete, my old neighbor from Berea. I'd lost track of him after the family moved to Texas. It was a happy coincidence to have reconnected with him through the Berea FB page. His wit, exuberance and varied interests will be missed.

Keith Keller - August 19, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ I never met Pete in person, but we connected last year on a local FB site for folks from Berea, Ohio. We hit it off right away and had conversations both on the site and on FB PM. He had lots of memories of his hometown and shared them freely with all of us, and my impression was that he was thinking about coming back for his first visit in decades at some point in the future. What fun that would have been!

We exchanged some photos and vids, and I even snail-mailed him a few things from Berea to show him how we look today.

I know he was a very busy man, but I'm honored that he took the time to share his life with a stranger like me. I wish we could have finally shared a cold one back here in his hometown. I miss our chats. RIP, my new friend. Miss you.

Don Jones - August 16, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ Mark Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Peter John Goudreau



Mark Rodgers - August 01, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ I worked with Pete at Alcatel, Xtera Communications and TI. I was the one who talked him into becoming a FAE at TI. Pete was a brilliant engineer and a great friend. His wit and sense of humor got me through some tough patches on projects. I remember when he "quit" Alcatel to go to one of the start-ups. Lasted one whole day. He called me the next morning, said these people don't have a clue what they are doing (laced with expletive deletives) - could I check with the boss Pat and see if he could come back. I walked into the boss's office, told Pat the story. Pat smiled, said he never turned in Pete's resignation, it would cost Pete a vacation day and to get back to work. Pete showed up shortly thereafter and did not miss a beat. Pete seemed happy in his work at TI and I was happy to have made that connection for him. He needed that while he cared for his wife. My condolences to his family - we sure lost a good man.

Mark Rodgers
Brighton, CO

Mark Rodgers - August 01, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ Thank you for sharing this. I remember this story quite well. Pete was always so good with his expletives. Lol!

He was a brilliant man and I will miss my dad until the end of my day's.

He always spoke so highly of his work friends. Peace be with you Mark.

August 01, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Faizul Bacchus lit a candle in memory of Peter John Goudreau



Faizul Bacchus - August 01, 2018 at 08:07 AM



“ I first met Pete when he interviewed me for my FAE job at TI. He later became my mentor when I started and he taught me all about the FAE role. We became great friends and shared many a lunch hour at Starbucks drinking short soy decaf lattes and talking about everything from our families to Power Supply loop compensation. Pete helped me adjust to living in the United States and he knew everything about my kids as they grew up here. He was such a gentle caring person and one of the smartest person I have ever known. I will miss you my friend. Rest in Peace.

Faizul Bacchus

Faizul Bacchus - August 01, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ Thank you for sharing today at his service. Pete thought the world of you and cherished your friendship.

Thank you for sharing in his life. Peace be with you.

August 01, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ When Pete was considering joining TI he was concerned that we might turn him into a sales person. He was brilliant technically and very focused on solving customers problems. He stayed technical.... but just by being Pete he sold a whole bunch of product for us. He was also a fine human being and one of the best people I have had the pleasure to be associated with.

Mark Denissen

Mark Denissen - July 31, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ At TI conferences I would sit down with Pete and talk about all kinds of things. Engineering, politics, life, what's fun. I was new to Ham Radio so Pete provided valuable insight on radios, antennas, and good practice. A bit of Pete lives on in me and everyone else he touched. God Bless you and your family.

Silent Key AD5HD, 73's to you Sir.
Ed Walker KG5SUZ

Ed Walker - July 31, 2018 at 07:41 AM



“ Jerome Strombosky lit a candle in memory of Peter John Goudreau



Jerome Strombosky - July 30, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ Rest in peace, cousin

Harriett Armitage - July 30, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ Barbara Blosser lit a candle in memory of Peter John Goudreau



Barbara Blosser - July 28, 2018 at 08:13 PM