



Peter Hayes

July 10, 1951 - June 1, 2023

NORWAY — Peter John Hayes age 71, of Norway, died Thursday, June 1, 2023, at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain, after his final battle with cancer.

Peter was born on July 10, 1951 in Norway, to the late Willard and Ruth (Forbes) Hayes.

After graduating from Norway High School, Peter briefly attended Northern Michigan University before joining the Navy. He graduated from the Great Lakes Navel Academy, then spent the next six years working as a nuclear electrician, first in nuclear power plants and then on submarines.

After being discharged from the Navy, Peter attended Western Michigan University for three years, working on a triple major. He took care of three rental properties with his friend and companion, Bandy, an English Sheepdog.

Peter met Mary LaMarch, and the two were married Oct. 2, 1982, at Grace United Methodist Church in Norway. Together they had three children, Sarah, Zachariah and Magdalene.

Despite his rough demeanor, Peter was a gentle giant. He was easy-going and never held a grudge, a true diamond in the rough.

He loved his kids and grandkids. Peter had a deep faith in God and read the bible many times. He loved sharing his views and the meanings of what he had read. Having a passion for the outdoors, Peter had many dreams and ideas.

Peter is survived by his daughters Sarah and Magdalene; his five grandchildren Amery, Chloe, Omar, Elijah and Josiah; ex-wife Mary LaMarch; brother Paul (Donna) Hayes; sisters Penelope Lambert, Margaret Hayes, Kathy (Dennis) Bal and Delia Chippewa.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents Ruth and Willard Hayes; and his son Zachariah John Hayes.

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Norway with Pastor Irene White officiating.

A reception and luncheon will follow the service.

Private burial services will be held by the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Methodist Church
130 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm sorry this happened. Rest in peace buddy*

Jodi Carlson - June 23, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Jodi Carlson lit a candle in memory of Peter Hayes*



Jodi Carlson - June 23, 2023 at 03:57 PM

TN

“ *I was so sorry to hear that Peter passed. I have so many memories of him and us up at the farm. He was solely responsible for my morbid fear of snakes for most of my life after chasing after me with those massive pine snakes. 😭 Now that I live down south I had to get over it. LOL. I also laugh when I think of the times we used to run out of Doc and Ruth's house because Peter was in the basement putting some concoction together with his chemistry set and we thought he was going to blow up the house when we'd see something smoking or steaming. Never a dull moment. Thanks for all the fun and laughs Peter!*

Terry Noordhoff - June 20, 2023 at 05:26 PM

RI

“ *Very sad to hear this. Pete and I were classmates in high school and roommates at Northern Michigan University. Pete was always easy going and lived life to the fullest. My condolences and prayers to the Hayes family on their loss.*

Richard - June 06, 2023 at 08:17 PM

TN

So sorry to hear about Peter. So many fun memories from the farm. Also some at the house where at times we were afraid he would blow us up with his chemistry set. LOL. Thanks for the memories Peter ❤️

Terry Noordhoff - June 20, 2023 at 08:36 AM

RC

I remember the farm too. And the Hayes camp. Terrys mention of Petes chemistry set brought back memories of when Pete and I were roommates at Northern. My major was chemistry and we decided to do an experiment. It quickly got away from us and filled the entire dorm hall with smoke.

Richard Carlson

Richard Carlson - June 21, 2023 at 01:23 PM