



Peter John Niederberger

January 18, 1959 - August 12, 2016

Peter John Niederberger, Age 57, after a long battle with cancer, on Friday, August 12, 2016. Beloved husband of Irina Niederberger, father of Edwin Niederberger and Andrei Makarov, brother of Anthony Timmers, Edwin, Joe, and Albert Niederberger; and many cousins, nephews, and a niece. A native of Brentwood, Peter has been a dedicated environmental management expert working for the government and non-profits on waste management issues in Pennsylvania and across the US, as well as for the World Bank to protect the environment and help improve industrial practices in developing countries. Peter was an avid reader and keenly interested in history, philosophy, and music. He was a true Pittsburgh sports enthusiast. He was a loving father and husband, and will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. A viewing will be from 3 - until the time of a service at 5 pm Monday, August 15, at the D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd, 4522 Butler Street, Pgh., PA 15201 (Lawrenceville), followed by burial at Penn Forest Natural Burial Park at 121 Colorado St, Verona, PA 15147. Family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations are made to Doctors Without Borders.

Cemetery

Penn Forest Cemetery

121 Colorado Street
Verona, PA, 15147

Events

AUG **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
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AUG **Memorial Service** 05:00PM - 06:00PM

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AUG **Graveside Service** 06:30PM - 07:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear Irina and Family,
We never had the pleasure of meeting. Pete and I were cousins. My mother Doris was Pete's aunt, younger sister to his father Edwin. Pete was close to my brother Bob and my sister Cheryl, whom you may know. After Bob died Pete sent me the most touching reminisces about Bob and about his fond memories of my parents as well. I was truly moved.

I left Pittsburgh after college and only saw Pete on occasion when returning to visit but we kept in touch via email, although in retrospect I wish I had been more faithful about communicating with this very special person.

Please accept my condolences for your loss.

Eileen Sirko Lemmon

eileen lemmon - August 19, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peter John Niederberger .



August 14, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ Dear Irina and family,

My deepest sympathies for your loss. Pete was a great friend. I first met Pete in high school. I remember his great sense of humor, his intelligence, quick wit and his love of food (more about that later). We played football together Pete played tackle while I was the center. Not surprisingly Pete was both physically strong and a mentally tough player typically competing against much larger opponents. Here you can see him holding court no doubt passing his knowledge of the game to his teammates. After a few years we lost touch, before email, texting and cell phones were available. Then about 10 years ago Pete reached out to me as both Edwin and my son were good high school soccer players. Since then we have stayed in touch talking about Pitt basketball and the Steelers and the occasional meal at Pt. Brugge in Point Breeze for his favorite of mussels in red curry sauce and a fine Belgium Ale. At one of those meals Pete tells me that Edwin will also be coming to Pt. Brugge on a first date. As fate would have it Edwin and his date sit right beside us.

Pete was unflappable, a gentleman, brave, strong and courageous. We last spoke about two weeks ago and I believe he knew this was goodbye. Pete will be sorely missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with you,

Rick Majoras



Rick Majoras - August 14, 2016 at 04:37 PM



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Will Crum - August 14, 2016 at 12:24 PM



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Will Crum - August 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ Pete (c) & Old Friends (l-r): Don Maue, Ben Wecht, Pete, Will Crum, Todd Williams

Will Crum - August 14, 2016 at 11:02 AM



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Will Crum - August 14, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ Don Maue lit a candle in memory of Peter John Niederberger



Don Maue - August 14, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ Dear Irina, Edwin, Andrei, and Family,

Please accept my deepest condolences upon the passing of Pete. He was truly a great friend and mentor. I learned so much from him and shall miss his company and music. I am/was so honored to be trusted with reading his novels and essays and having great conversations over coffee. Pete was a wonderful intellect, had a keen wit, and deep soul. Indeed, Pete taught me much about Russian literature, history and art -- and opened a new world to me -- from Fyodor Dostoevsky to Andrei Rublev.

My heart shall always remember our last meeting when he came to visit me in the hospital when he showed such remarkable physical and emotional courage to provide his support -- little to realize that it would be our final farewell. I shall treasure that moment.

As a fellow musician, I had the privilege to accompany him on many songs; including our joyful gigs with friends at Biddles Escape. Of course, "Mr. Bogangles," "I Shall Be Released," "The Dutchman," "Only Living Boy in New York," "She Belongs to Me", and many other pre-Nixon era folk Americana tunes will never be the same without Pete's passion and unique interpretations of such classic tunes.

Pete showed us how to live life with courage and grace despite its challenges. I shall miss him, yet continue to honor his spirit in every song and in every challenging moment life should throw my way. I am blessed and far better off to have Peter be a part of my life -- for that I remain grateful.

With love and respect,

~Will Crum and Family

Will Crum - August 14, 2016 at 08:34 AM