



## Carl C. Hoekelman

October 12, 1978 - January 30, 2019

Carl C. Hoekelman, 40, Pittsburgh, PA died January 30, 2019 after a spirited eight year struggle with brain cancer. He valued work, fun with friends, cycling, road trips, NHL hockey, cooking, witty conversation and good books. Carl rode a 1000 miles in the year after the first surgery.

Recently, a red flag-- intracranial pressure, led to a startling downward course at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, (UPMC) in Shadyside. After days in Neurological ICU, Carl moved to palliative care at Canterbury Place where friends still visited. Family was present at the end.

Carl was the only child of William J. (Bill) and Margaret (Campbell) Hoekelman of Lexington KY. Born in Birmingham AL, Carl moved to Lexington, KY at age four. He was predeceased by paternal grandparents, Harold and Ruth (Pettie) Hoekelman, Sarasota, FL and maternal grandparents, Roderick and Caroline (Burke) Campbell, Sydney, Nova Scotia. Carl's summers involved Burke's bungalow and stints in Ingonish kayaking and cycling along the Cabot Trail.

Carl was the youngest member of the Wheelmen, now the Bluegrass Cycling Club. A graduate of Lafayette High, Carl was co-captain of speech team and newspaper editor. At University of Kentucky, he majored in print journalism with a minor in political science and worked as a YMCA swim

instructor/lifeguard. He was on the UK cycling team, program host on its independent radio station and a columnist for the daily KY Kernel, graduating in 2001. In Seattle, Carl explored the northwest working in operations at Washington Audiology.

He later moved to Pittsburgh and graduated with a M.A. in Industrial and Labor Relations at Indiana University of PA. In 2006, he was awarded an internship with the Association of PA State College and University Faculties in Harrisburg, PA where he analyzed collective bargaining agreements with staff, the State System of Higher Education and all arbitration and Labor Board decisions. A second internship with the United Steelworkers of America in Corporate Research, Pension, Benefits and Collective Bargaining Department in Pittsburgh had appeal.

More recently, Carl's work history involved Bank of America, AmeriSourceBergen and PNC. He enjoyed projects around his house, often relying on his Dad's expertise with larger improvements. At the non-profit Red Lantern Bike Shop in Braddock, Carl volunteered by repairing bikes for local children without one.

Arrangements are entrusted to D' Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Madonna del Castello, Swissvale, Saturday, February 16 at 11:30 a.m. A gathering of friends will commemorate Carl's life. Remembrances may be made to a charity or organization of choice.

# Previous Events

## Mass

FEB **16**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Madonna del Castello Church  
2021 S. Braddock Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl C. Hoekelman*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Bill and Margaret,  
I am so sorry to get the news of Carl's passing. Please accept my  
condolences to you both.*

*Kevin*

*Kevin Keough*

Kevin Keough - February 15, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ *Jonathan Rushbrook & Steven Visco purchased  
the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl C.  
Hoekelman.*



Jonathan Rushbrook & Steven Visco - February 15, 2019 at  
06:06 PM



“ *YOUR 'CATS' FAMILY purchased the Dreams Fr  
om the Heart Bouquet for the family of Carl C.  
Hoekelman.*



YOUR 'CATS' FAMILY - February 15, 2019 at 10:40 AM

RG

“ Margaret and Bill, I never met Carl but I feel I knew a little bit about him from you.

*I know he fought to the very end and gave this fight his all.*

*You have my deepest sympathies and prayers at this time.*

*God Bless you and all of Carl's family and friends.*

*Rita Griffith*

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**Rita Griffith** - February 15, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl C. Hoekelman.



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February 15, 2019 at 09:31 AM

BI

“ Dear Margaret and Bill,  
*I was shocked to hear of Carl's news. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Bill*

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**Bill** - February 15, 2019 at 09:26 AM

MC

“ There are no words to express my deepest sorrow for your loss. Much love sent to you both from Across the Miles”. I am here if you need me. Love, Maureen Keough Capstick

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**Maureen capstick** - February 15, 2019 at 09:14 AM

TK

“ *Bill and Margaret, I was very saddened to read the notice in the paper today informing us of Carl's death. My memories take me back to Carl as a child and I vividly recall his many summers on Lingan Road with his grandparents. Although it has been many years since I have spoken to Carl his personality and zest for life are what distinguishes him in my eyes. I was touched to read about the fond memories on The Mira at Burke's bungalow. He certainly treasured his Cape Breton roots. On behalf of Donna and I, I want to extend our sincere condolences to both of you.*

*Terry and Donna*

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**Terry and Donna Keough** - February 15, 2019 at 08:28 AM

BS

*Dear Bill and Marge  
So sorry about your loss.  
Heard so many good things about Carl.  
It is so difficult to lose a sibling.  
We are making a donation to Hospice in his name.  
Love  
BevnNorm*

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**Bev and Norm Severin** - February 15, 2019 at 01:34 PM

DH

“ *Carl. We will miss you. You were so very funny, so very kind, and so very sincere. We enjoyed picking on you about your poor taste in a favorite NHL team, riding bicycles around the Bluegrass, and those very honest conversations you were so good at initiating. You saw through all the layers and directly to the heart of all things. Your cutting and witty humor always honored the dignity of others and kept us all laughing at the world and ourselves. You will never be forgotten in my house. You made this dreary old world a happier place. - Denile & Hanley*

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**Denile Hill** - February 14, 2019 at 05:10 PM

TN

“ I met Carl - or, more precisely, Carl introduced himself to me when we were neighbors in Swissvale back in 2010. This was just prior to his having a seizure & finding out he had brain cancer.

What started as neighborly friendliness morphed into something much deeper & meaningful. We went to Pirates games; hung out at his place & mine when our schedules allowed; he would occasionally pick me up at my bus stop & give me a lift home when he wasn't working, even when he moved to Rankin. He was an easy guy with whom to share a beer & an interesting conversation. And as a gay man, I can say that he was the most - accepting isn't the word. I don't know what is. His humanity & instant likeability shone through when you first met him.

We didn't get to see each other so much over his last year due to our conflicting work schedules but that never meant we weren't still close in our hearts & minds.

Carl & I shared many interests. Reading his early life bio is kind of like reading mine. Losing him is like losing a part of me. He truly was more than a friend - he was a brother.

I can't and won't ever forget him.

Carl, I love you, brother. I miss you immensely.

Todd Nicholson

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Todd Nicholson - February 14, 2019 at 02:46 PM