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Peter was born in Buffalo, NY and was raised by his mother, Dee (Dorothy M.) and her mother, Belle M. Harris, while his father Don (Donald J.) was serving in Army Intelligence during WWII. The family grew up with Dan'I (Daniel H.) and Bill (William P.).

They had moved to an unincorporated area south of Syracuse called DeWitt, with open fields and a farm nearby. Peter showed an early interest in science by collecting butterflies and discovering fossils.

In 1955 his father got a promotion and transfer to the main office of Kemper Insurance in Chicago, IL, so the family moved to the northern suburb of Winnetka.

The whole family was active in the Scouting Movement and Peter was elected into the Order of the Arrow. Some summers were at Camp Owakonze in Ontario, Canada, going on canoe trips. He was an honor student at New Trier Township Highschool and earned a National Merit Scholarship to go to M.I.T., majoring in Mathematics.

Being left-handed gave him an advantage on the M.I.T. fencing team. He later earned a Master's Degree from Boston College. He made a career of writing computer software and eventually started his own consulting firm; Systems Software Architects Inc.

In 1982 Peter married Olga Morozow. They travelled the world, including exotic places like Easter Island. They went to many Gem and Mineral Shows and countless concerts and other events. They loved their cats. Peter excelled in chess and other board games and succeeded in Scrabble Tournaments.

In 2012 Olga succumbed to cancer. Peter felt lost without her, so in 2014 he moved to Corvallis where his brothers resided. He played bridge and took up hiking.

In 2015 he met Gypsy (Vicki L. W.). Her interest in belly dancing provided a new life for peter, taking and posting videos of her performances as "Gypsy Butterfly." Each of them had a cat and shared many interests. Peter enjoyed singing karaoke. Though not legally married, they became committed partners, and wore wedding rings to signify the seriousness of their relationship.

Peter had an unbridled sense of humor and was often telling jokes. His artistic talent was evident in his funny hamster cartoons. He was a loving and lovable person, with a very high intelligence, belonging to MENSA. It all added up to an interesting life: 80.1 years equals four score and some more. He loved wildlife and had a wild life.

For more please visit the McHenry Funeral Home website. Memorial Services will be held Friday, March 1, 2024 at 1:00pm at the McHenry Funeral Home Chapel.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.McHenryFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330
(541) 757-8141

Reception to follow service

Tribute Wall

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“ When I was growing up Peter lived on the east coast in Massachusetts while I lived in Oregon. My dad made sure that we stayed in touch by calling family every time I visited. Peter was always very kind and interested in my life. My favorite memories from him were his hamster cards! The card itself was never the treat, it was the illustrations inside. He was always very creative, and it inspired me to do my own cartoons based on his style. They were never as great as the real thing. After he moved to Oregon, I got to know him a lot better, and I am better for it.

Orion Addis - April 14, 2024 at 12:59 PM

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“ I'm fortunate to be neighbors with Peter's brother Dan'l for over five years now. It appears that Peter was a very accomplished person and created a good, full life. Performance art, humor, & kindness are apparently shared traits in the Addis family. My sincere condolences to Dan'l and family for your loss.

Laurie Oleman - February 18, 2024 at 10:49 PM

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“ Peter's life changed for the better when he moved to Corvallis and met Gypsy (aka Vicki L. Watson). She introduced Peter to the world of belly dancing, first at shows at the Old World Deli, and then at other shows around Oregon. He would always video record her dances on his phone. She made his life better and interesting.

Bill Addis - February 01, 2024 at 09:38 PM

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“ Peter was also a cartoonist. His first drawings were a strip he called *Space Worm*, but we knew him best for his hamster cartoons. We went through a series of hamsters growing up. The cartoons were done on 8x10 paper full or multi-frame. He would also do hamster cartoons on birthday and holiday cards geared to the recipient. It was always a treat to get one in the mail.

Bill Addis - February 01, 2024 at 09:08 PM

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“ Peter was an inveterate joke teller, usually of the ribald type. Sometimes he didn't know when to stop. We loved him anyway.

Bill Addis - February 01, 2024 at 08:21 PM