



Peter D. Bove

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Peter Bove passed away peacefully, at home, surrounded by his family after a brief battle with cancer. Peter lived a life full of curiosity, kindness, and lifelong learning.

Peter's life was spent in search of truth and knowledge—a search that led him to tugboats in New Orleans, a “golden year” in Boulder, and a summer in Portugal before settling in Saline where he built a life, business, and family.

A self-described student of nature, Peter approached the world with curiosity and without judgement.

While he held a firm moral code, he didn't want to be remembered as a perfect person, but instead as someone who always tried to do the right thing in a complicated world. He was kind and loyal to the people who mattered most to him.

He was devoted to his wife, Mary, and children Alice and Grace. He took his family seriously, accepted them unconditionally, and was a steady presence in their lives.

Peter will be intensely missed by those who knew him. There are no words to describe the loss.

In addition to his family, Peter is survived by his siblings and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of his life will be held in his beloved garden. In lieu of flowers, Peter would hope that you plant a tree, start a compost pile, forgive a grudge, or make a donation to Food Gatherers or another organization that you feel honors his memory.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, Michigan. To leave a memory you have of Peter, to sign his guestbook, or for more information, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

The Family Home

Location: the family home.

Tribute Wall

GD

“ Geoffrey D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter D. Bowe.

Geoffrey D. - May 30 at 05:30 PM

KK

“ I met Peter in high school and we became friends. He was smart, funny and kind. My sister Jane and I stayed with him a couple of nights in Boulder as we were beginning our western states adventure. He asked if we could bring one thing from home; his well seasoned cast iron skillet. We happily obliged. I suspect that skillet is still in your household.

The last time I saw him was 25 plus years ago when a few of us met at the Box Bar the night before a class reunion. He spoke so warmly of Mary and his daughters. He had become the lovely man I met as a boy in high school and I am saddened by his loss.

Kathryn Koepke - May 26 at 11:11 AM

MB

“ Michelle B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter D. Bowe.

Michelle B. - May 26 at 09:39 AM

MT

“ Peter worked with my mom at a frame shop when we were in high school and she absolutely loved him. Pete, Ron Stiglich and I used to bomb around between Plymouth and A2 in his Capri, pausing now and then along the open farmland to stargaze and ponder life’s mysteries. Also wound up at the Blind Pig or Hefner’s Hideway on occasion. Pete was one of those rare, intelligent old soul types even as a teenager. I’m happy he had a wonderful life. Warm and loving thoughts memories and prayers to Peter’s family.

Mike Tobin - May 25 at 06:53 AM

LP

“ Oh no - what sad news. I have fond memories of Pete. When I needed a job during college, he put me to work at Framing Resources, packing up frames for shipment from their dock. Some days I would organize invoices in file drawers, pre-Internet. I remember Pete as being calm, cool, and collected — with a witty sense of humor. I always admired him. Learning more about him through his obituary makes me admire him all-the-more. Rest in Peace, Pete. You lived a good life. Love and compassion to Mary and family.

Lisa Pappas - May 24 at 09:07 PM

KK

“ Kim K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter D. Bowe.

Kim K. - May 24 at 06:34 PM

EE

“ Sara, Mary, and all, I am so sorry to hear of Peter's passing. While I didn't know him well, all the Bowes have a spirit that is irresistible. I find it comforting that Peter's bit of that spirit is now dispersed throughout the universe. Sending you all love and light.

Ellice Engdahl - May 24 at 09:45 AM

DM

“ Pete was one of my favorite customers at the Saline Farmers Market. He almost never missed a Saturday. He was a true gardener, and was so proud of himself when he told me he finally grew some shallots that actually produced a crop. I'll miss you, Pete. Condolences to his family.

Deb Marks - May 23 at 08:25 PM

AA

“ I always admired Peter in High School. I thought he was the coolest guy in school because he had no idea how cool he was. I don't believe that I ever saw him again in person after HS but would hear about him from friends and I always remembered him fondly. So sorry for the loss of such a fine person. Annamarie Asher

Annamarie Asher - May 23 at 07:55 PM

RC

“ I am beyond saddened to see this. I have so many memories of Pete and Mary at their downtown shop in the days when the Saline Reporter was still around and I would stop in and visit. Not to mention the extensive amount of framing that Pete and Mary did for me. In fact, I think of them every day when I look at the family memories and heirlooms that were so lovingly cared for and preserved. So many great conversations and so much laughter. Rest easy old friend. I will remember you always and hold Mary and the rest of the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Renee Collins - May 23 at 07:50 PM

NM

“ Neenah M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter D. Bowe.

Neenah M. - May 23 at 12:41 PM