



Peter William Bacon

October 11, 1940 - April 26, 2016

Peter William Bacon, age 75, of Elk Rapids Twp., MI, passed away Tuesday morning, April 26, 2016 at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City, after a long struggle with cancer and a brief but valiant fight following a heart attack. Peter spent the last week of his life surrounded by his wife, daughters, and sister.

Peter was born in Midland, MI on October 11, 1940 to Kenneth and Evelyn Bacon. Raised in a house of music enthusiasts, Peter developed a love of classical music early on. He joined the high school band where he made lifelong friends and met his future wife, Sharon Mattes. He attended Albion College, where he studied economics and accounting. After marrying Sharon on August 18, 1962, the couple moved to Bloomington, IN where Peter pursued his masters and doctorate at Indiana University. He spent the majority of his teaching career at Wright State University in Dayton, OH, where he was a beloved University Professor and department chair, while helping to raise his four daughters. It is no small coincidence that a scholarship in his name, established at his retirement, seeks to support a non-traditional finance or financial services female student each year.

While he was passionate about his work, he was equally passionate about his three favorite months of the year: June, July and August. During those summer days, he spent his time at "the cottage" on Elk Lake with his family, playing tennis, sailing on the lake, and soaking up the sun on the shore. He developed many friendships through those summer activities, and ultimately retired to that same house where he enjoyed participating in the community year-round through the Elk Rapids Golf Club, bridge groups, and Sacred Heart parish. In more recent years, Peter and Sharon escaped the cold of "Up North" by spending their winters in Tucson, Arizona where they enjoyed hiking in the desert, playing golf, and volunteering at St. Cyril of Alexandria parish to help feed the hungry.

Peter is survived by his wife, Sharon, his four daughters, Maureen (Michael) Conroy, Julie (Luther Peacock) Bacon, Amy Smith, and Abigail (Jason Bergreen) Bacon; six, soon-to-be seven, grandchildren: Zachary, Nicholas and Jacob Smith; Rachel Redmond; Lucas Peacock; and Elizabeth Bergreen; and his sister, Carolyn (Thomas) McAnallen.

Visitation will take place at Sacred Heart Church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 with vigil service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, May 2 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Peter's spirit may be carried on through donations to Munson Hospice

House, A.C.T.S. or Father Fred Foundation.

The family expresses sincere appreciation for the skilled, loving care provided by two Munson ICUs and the staff of Munson Hospice House.

Events

MAY **Visitation for friends and family** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Elk Rapids, MI, US

MAY **Vigil Service** 07:00PM

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MAY **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Comments



“ I was a graduate Asst in Finance working for Dr Bacon in 1975 at WSU. He taught me to think and develop a Financial framework for analyzing many issues in life. Also went to his retirement party at WSU about 10 years ago.
recently I have started an endowed scholarship in his honor in Financial Services at WSU. Dave Lough, BSB 1974, MBA 1976 at WSU.

Dave Lough - May 02, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ We rejoice in the long and fruitful life of our dear friend Peter. A wonderful next door neighbor, a generous host at so many great occasions, an engaging partner in friendly debates, a great traveling companion, a crafty bridge partner, a devoted husband and father, a role model for so many of us. The list doesn't begin to do justice to the man and a life so well lived. Our hearts are full of sadness as we bid farewell to our dear friend, but also full of joy as we remember and celebrate.

In gratitude, Marylee and Ward Lyndall

The Lyndalls - April 30, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ Sharon:
It's been a long time since MHS '58.
I had no idea you and Peter were up here so close to where Jerry & I have lived full time since '98. Peter & Jerry would have had a lot in common.
My caring thoughts go out to you and your family at this very sad time.
I'm happy Peter had the joy of living the final portion of his life here in God's country.
I visualize heaven as maybe being something like he so enjoyed here.
I know his spirit will be with you even as he has departed his earthly body.
Sincerely-----Judy (Rinn) Kulka, Torch Lake Township (MHS '58)



Judy Kulka - April 30, 2016 at 08:24 AM



“ The Wright State University Retirees Association extends our condolences to the family of Peter Bacon. We also wish to acknowledge his years of service to our University.

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“ It is always sad to see a loved one go on to our heavenly father. While a sad time in our lives, it is also a time to reflect on those times spent with loved ones and how they have enriched our lives. These times provide a time for us to reflect and collect our thoughts to alter/correct/be renewed on the path of our own lives and think about how we too want to be remembered. Amy, you are such a beautiful individual who cherishes family and friends and gives your all. Know that we are here for you and our prayers are with you. The sorrow will pass but the memories of special times and moments will live on with you. Brenda L. Hawks

Brenda Hawks - April 29, 2016 at 08:19 AM



“ So very sorry for your great loss! Wishing you all peace, light and love. May Mr. Bacon forever Rest in Paradise. Cindy Williams (Amy's Friend)

Cindy Williams - April 29, 2016 at 07:20 AM