



Peter J. Karpe

May 4, 1957 - January 26, 2021

Peter J. Karpe

Age 63

Of Bangor

Passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at the Spectrum Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph. Pete was born May 4, 1957 in Middletown, CT, the son of Charles and Viola (Ciaburri) Karpe, and has lived in the Bangor area since 1995. He was an amazing husband, father, step-father, grandfather and was a hardworking person. He loved his Philadelphia Eagles. Pete worked at Entergy, Palisades for 26 years with the BAG crew. Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline Karpe, whom he married Oct. 17, 2013; 1 daughter, Kathryn Karpe of Las Vegas, NV; 2 step children, Jamie Little of Bangor, Kenna Salinas of Stevensville; 5 grandchildren, Dylan Little, Alyssa Nunez, Jaelynn Little, Jocelynn Little, Rylie Burnside; sister, Paula Karpe of Centerville, VA; brother, Bobby Karpe of Portland, CT and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family will meet friends from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Tuesday at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday at the First Congregational Church; 125 Charles Street; Bangor. According to his wishes cremation will follow the services. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Visitation

FEB 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church
125 Charles Street
Bangor, MI 49013

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *It is with great sadness that I am sending condolences to the entire Karpe family. As the youngest of the Karpe cousins, I remember Peter so fondly. He always made me laugh at our Thanksgiving gatherings. His hearty laugh and huge smile were contagious. His sense of humor was unparalleled. Peter loved life and all of you so very much. I am thinking of you as you celebrate Peter's remarkable life.*

Susan Karpe Cruise - February 05, 2021 at 09:49 AM

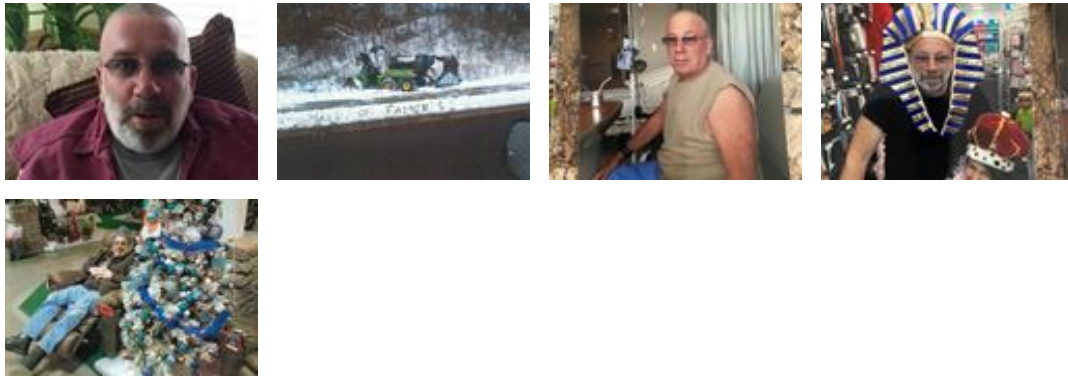
JK

“ *My condolences to Peter's family on this very sad loss. I've known Peter since high school in Portland, CT. We sat next to each other in Personal Typing class and he did his best to disrupt my focus. He would wait for a speed test to begin, then lean over and type random keys on my electric typewriter then kick the plug out.*
I can still hear him laughing, asking "What's wrong, Columbo?"
I know he fought this battle as long as he could. Now, the world will have world less laughter and mischief in it. Rest In Peace, my old friend.

Jane Klemba - February 02, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ 38 files added to the album LifeTributes



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - February 01, 2021 at 02:48 PM

ED

“ *Entergy Projects Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peter J. Karpe.*



Entergy Projects Department - February 01, 2021 at 09:26 AM

YV

“ If was fun working with you for time we did, you were a good boss. My condolences to you msg Jackie ,God will comfort you in the difficult times. God bless you and your family dear.



Yvonne - January 31, 2021 at 10:24 PM

RL

“ Pete was a hoot... to say the least great guy , best brother in-law ever. What a jokester, ever time I seen him or was on the phone with my sister , he'd always say I know you want me ,but your sister is the lucky one. Yes she was the lucky one she had a great man that loved her. Pete you will be missed by many thank you for being a great addition to our family. Uncle Ken thought the world of you he said you were one of the best men he ever knew , he will miss you . . Our love to you brother . ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Rhonda Little - January 31, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter J. Karpe.



January 30, 2021 at 05:10 PM

TW

“ The Warehouse/Palisades purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Peter J. Karpe.



The Warehouse/Palisades - January 30, 2021 at 09:52 AM

PK

“ Peter was the baby in our family and probably the most outgoing, as all of you who knew him can attest to. He occasionally visited me in Virginia as he was heading to Connecticut, and I always had projects for Peter to complete. On one visit, he built shelves in my garage, of course cussing as little problems arose. I will look at those shelves a little differently now. We all know Peter would verbalize exactly what he felt, and he didn't care with whom he was speaking. I would cringe at times when he told me about many of his conversations. Our mom couldn't wait for Peter to visit and all the laughs they would have. Peter sent a text to me last Saturday to tell me that he was thinking of getting an exercise bike. And then he said, "I was lying down, there was someone at the door, and a bike was coming in. They gave me one, isn't that nice?" He was so touched by that kind gesture and so was I. Peter loved his job and all the people he worked with. I heard so many stories and conversations he had with his friends at Palisades. Again, I would occasionally cringe. As we ended our texting, I wrote. "stay well!" Peter wrote, "I will!" Then at 2:15 Tuesday morning, I received a phone call that he was gone. He wasn't well.

Peter, you never complained even though you were in excruciating pain. And you did it twice! You were so brave and fought so hard to live. It just doesn't feel right without you. We were three, and now there is two. Please watch over your brother, Rob, he still needs you, and I do too. Love you!

*Your Sister,
Paula*

Paula Karpe - January 29, 2021 at 11:35 PM

AL

“ Though I only met him a few times, Pete clearly had a way of shattering the ice, instantly felt like I had known him for years. He had a brash sense of humor that was quite endearing in its own way. I have to say I have not met many like him, that he had to go home so soon is such a loss to those who knew and loved him, but in his time here he clearly a force of his own.

Allegra LittleCole - January 29, 2021 at 08:36 PM

PK

“ Paula, Rob, and Katy purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Peter J. Karpe.



Paula, Rob, and Katy - January 29, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ When Andrew Dice Clay was growing up, he said “ I want to be just like Pete”. Pete was a truly unique person working with him and watching his effect on people was a continuous hoot. But inside he was a very caring with a strong work ethic. If you didn't get to know him you missed out. To those who knew and loved him I'm very sorry for your loss. Thanks Pete for caring
Dirk Wellington

Dirk Wellington - January 29, 2021 at 12:06 PM

GS

“ Pete wasn't just a great man (cocky Eagles fan...lol vs me a cocky Colts fan) He was awesome. Between my Ma and him, I honestly could not tell you who was more stubborn and hardheaded? That's why he chose my Ma to be his “Best Pal” at his wedding that he married my beautiful Aunt Jackie. You will always be loved and forever missed Pete. I love you, even though your an Eagles fan.



Greg Salinas - January 28, 2021 at 07:28 PM

BL

“ I have worked with Pete as his supervisor for 20 years. Let me start out by saying there was never a dull moment. There would be mornings when Pete would come in and it was like lets get ready to rumble. He would always tell me he was the best looking hardest working employee that I had. I told him that I agree that he was hard working but I could not agree on the looking. I would call Pete in the middle of the night for snow removal, he would always answer the phone as if he wasn't in bed at 2 in the morning. I remember calling him in the middle of the night and saying its time to get up princess, we have snow to remove. He was always excited to receive a call for snow removal, he mentioned that when it snowed it was like dollar bills falling from the sky. It was great having him back in the shop after his recovery, it gave us time to talk about all the fun that we had over the years. Pete we are going to miss you and I want to thank you for serving our country in the US Navy. Rest in peace shop captain.

Brian LaSota - January 28, 2021 at 06:58 PM

KK

“ Pal,

I can't believe you're gone. I love and miss you so much! You were the best dad a girl could have! Thank you for always helping me fix things and give me advise even if it was over the phone. I apologize for not being the best daughter at times, but let's face it, I get my stubbornness and attitude from you. I was looking forward to many more memories with you. My wedding day will not be complete, but I know you'll be there in spirit. Please watch over me and keep me safe and I look forward to the day when I can see you again.

I love you forever, Pal!

Boog



Katy Karpe - January 28, 2021 at 06:26 PM

DE

“ Pete you were a good neighbor he will be missed. He would always have a big smile on his face and a big old wave Prayers to the family.RIP.



Deb&Del - January 28, 2021 at 03:36 PM

GA

“ This was a very good man, I Garrett have worked around him for a long time. A true Eagles fan and we would argue cause I'm a Cowboys fan. I wish all the best to his family and close friends. Always have a place in my heart. See you in years to come.

Love Garrett

garrett - January 28, 2021 at 02:20 PM

JR

“ I met Pete when I started working at Palisades and immediately liked him. His character always reminded me of my father. I can't think of a single time that I talked with Pete where my day wasn't better because of it. I will miss him a lot. God bless you Pete.

Jim Rikle - January 28, 2021 at 09:33 AM

DB

“ Debra and Mark Burnett purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Peter J. Karpe.



Debra and Mark Burnett - January 28, 2021 at 08:02 AM

PD

“ I met Pete 17 years ago when I started working at palisades. He was one of a kind. From coming to the warehouse and eating my banana's and leaving the peel's on my desk to giving me and Johnny B the names Paulina and Joanna when we applied for jobs in bag crew and how he made sure that there was no way we could come close to working as hard as "The hardest working MF'er on site" which of course was himself. Pete, I had a lot of great times and a lot of great conversations with you that I will never forget. Rest in peace my friend.

Paul Darling - January 28, 2021 at 07:57 AM

MP

“ My sincerest condolences to Petes family. Met Pete at Palisades when he first started there. What a personality! That man always "called em as he seen em"! I guess that why he endeared himself to the Maintenance folks. Never a "kiss ass" which seemed to be the norm at Palisades. I have not seen him in a couple years and i really regret not being able to have chatted with him. Always looked forward to hearing what he had to say.
Marty



Marty Pfaff - January 28, 2021 at 07:50 AM

BW

“ BOBBY & EUNICE WALKER lit a candle in memory of Peter J. Karpe



BOBBY & EUNICE WALKER - January 28, 2021 at 07:07 AM

JK

“ The first time I ever seen Pete was in the cafeteria at palisades, he walked in looked at Tonya king and said get off your fat ass and go to work and Tonya said hey Pete . I replied what an Asshole he said hi I'm Pete what's your name I said wow I'm going out to smoke he said I'll go with you again I thought wow !! And you all know how that story ended he ended up being the man I was looking for my whole life , I just wish I had meet him twenty five years sooner and had him twenty five years longer . The love of my life man of my dreams my best friend. I miss him so much I'm just lost and broken

Jackie Karpe - January 27, 2021 at 08:24 PM



So sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. Always had me laughing.
Tonia King

Renia Kings - January 27, 2021 at 11:30 PM

SG

Pete was my favorite patient we go way back to when he started on his journey the first time we got along right away neither one of us took any bull and I was his sarge cuz he often didn't want to do things.We both had a very similar language and attitudes .too bad the young ones didn't get him,we also gave him grief regarding putting a ring on it.He will be dearly missed love that man.My prayers and thoughts are with you Jackie

sherry A Gogo - January 29, 2021 at 01:53 PM

SW

Aww Princess Pete was one of my favorite patients, you never new what was going to come out of his mouth but it always made me laugh! He was such a sweet man and it was an honor knowing him!

susan wynsma - January 29, 2021 at 02:59 PM

RM

“ Rich and Jinny Mocerri purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peter J. Karpe.



Rich and Jinny Mocerri - January 27, 2021 at 06:28 PM

JH

“ Pete always told it like it was - no matter who it was he was talking to - I loved that! He was a good man. Always went out of his way to say hi and worked hard. So sorry for your loss.

Jennifer Helms - January 27, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *My best memory of you is you getting to walk me down the aisle. I will never forget this, or you! I miss the funny convos, the ones where I'd almost pee my pants laughing. You had quite a sense of humor, quite the potty mouth and the biggest heart. Miss you papa!!*

*Love, your girls
Ken, Alyssa & Rylie*



Kenna Salinas - January 27, 2021 at 05:48 PM

BD

“ *Pete was one of the funniest guys I knew ,always cracking jokes and had a mouth of a sailor ! Yet so kind hearted and caring under that thick skin . He told us some awesome stories and I'll never forget the time he jokingly said to my daughter “he was her first boyfriend “ we will never forget that moment . gosh we sure will miss you pal .*

Love , Brooke Athena skyana and mark

Brooke Daniels - January 27, 2021 at 05:28 PM

CJ

“ *Pete was good people. Sorry for your loss.
Carrie Jones*

Carrie Jones - January 27, 2021 at 05:26 PM

VG

“ *Pete was a valued member of the Palisades team. He had a great sense of humor and was always a pleasure to talk to. He will be greatly missed!*

Val Gent - January 27, 2021 at 04:15 PM

PR

“ *Phil Radtke lit a candle in memory of Peter J. Karpe*



Phil Radtke - January 27, 2021 at 03:18 PM

PG

“ Pete introduced himself to me as "Pete the (blank) janitor" over 25 years ago. The laughs never stopped from then on. He was the hardest working person on site :) He will be dearly missed. Paul Gilbert

Paul Gilbert - January 27, 2021 at 01:53 PM

EB

“ Pete will truly be missed by many! He always made me laugh, his sense of humor is something that will never be forgotten. Warm regards, Earl and Edna Borden

Edna Borden - January 27, 2021 at 01:42 PM

BK

I worked with Pete at Consumes Power for 19 years. He was always the same. I became his supervisor for my last 6 years at palisades. I didn't know much about BAG department. Pete walked into my office and closed the door, he said "Miss Bobbie I will take care of you " and that he did. Sometimes he would make me so angry and he would start laughing and say "you look like a banty rooster". All my trips back to Michigan I would make sure that I visited with Pete. He will truly be missed, he was one of a kind.

Bobbie king - January 27, 2021 at 11:24 PM

DB

When Pete first started working at Palisades I walked up to him, extended my hand and welcomed him as a fellow janitor. We had been friends since. So many memories! I remember starting out in the BAG shop and being told Pete and I were not allowed to drive the gator. On night shift He told me to hop in the gator , we were going to see how it plows snow and that we did, laughing all the way! On day shift Pete jumped on the gator, looked at me and said " are you comin' I'm taking out the trash" I jumped in as all the jaw's dropped and out the door we went. We worked many jobs together and they all turned out fun! He always said he wouldn't get married again until he met Jackie, his pal. He will be missed! See you again some day Bud, Deb

Debra Burnett - January 28, 2021 at 08:02 AM

MD

I loved watching someone's reaction the first time they met Pete. He was a pro at leaving people speechless but smiling.

I remember when he returned to work after his first battle with cancer. I heard this voice bellow "WTF is going on warehouse?"

I went to the counter to greet him and as we hugged he asked me if I was doing ok. The man just lived through hell and he wanted to know if I was ok. That is who Pete was.

Pete was also that guy in Walmart on an early Saturday morning who when he would see me would yell out "Hey bad hair Mar!". As I turned to see him I would see people looking at us a little wide eyed. I would say "hey honey" and then we would hug and laugh at everyone else's reaction.

We are fortunate to meet many special people on our journey through life. Pete will always be one of my favorites. Knowing him has been a blessing and I will never forget him.

My prayers and thoughts are with his family and the many many people touched.

Mary Deemer - January 28, 2021 at 08:49 AM

AM

Pete and I hired in on the same day. A lot of people have come and gone over the years and many are forgotten. Nobody will forget Pete Karpe, there is no other like him. We all enjoyed his company and he made your day every time you crossed paths with him.

AARON MILLER - February 01, 2021 at 07:29 PM