



John Edward Peters

December 11, 1957 - October 12, 2018

John Edward Peters of Madisonville, KY passed away peacefully on October 12, 2018. John was a native of Carlisle, KY and was born on December 11, 1957 to Henry and Lee Newby Peters. Following his undergraduate and graduate work at The University of Kentucky and a position at Buffalo Trace Area Development in Maysville, he accepted what would be his lifetime career at Madisonville Community College as their Advancement Director focusing on fund raising and public support. John was described by his colleagues as an asset to both the college and several surrounding communities. John's love for community extended far beyond the walls of the college. He also held leadership roles such as Leadership Hopkins County, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties, the Madisonville Rotary Club, the Hopkins County Education Foundation, and the Central City and Madisonville-Hopkins County Chambers of Commerce. Before John retired in 2014 he received the national Campus Impact Award by the Council for Resource Development in Washington D.C. for his excellence in obtaining private support and garnering public advocacy. John also supported his beloved Carlisle by contributing to the local library, the Historical Society, the Mathers Fund, and other special community projects. John was a member of the Madisonville Episcopal Church and The First Baptist Church of Carlisle. John was known for his tremendous sense of humor and his infectious laugh, his incredible story telling ability, and his fierce loyalty to his family and friends. He loved unconditionally and will be forever missed by all that knew him. John

is survived by his mother Lee Newby Peters, sister Susan Peters Roberts, two nieces and their husbands; Gretchen and Justin Jones and Kellie and Adam Elkins, his great niece Holland Jones and great nephew Eli Elkins, and his former wife, Leslie Newman. Special recognition to his always faithful Aunt Ruth and Uncle Charles Hall and Uncle Claude and Lyda Newby and also to his loyal, constant, and steadfast friend, Joe Nance of Mount Sterling. Special thanks also to Dr. John Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle and all of John's wonderful friends who supported John through his illness. It is with the help and support of these dear people that John was able to endure a lengthy illness with dignity and grace. He fought the good fight. John was preceded in death by his beloved father, Henry C. Peters Jr. and his paternal and maternal grandparents. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Carlisle. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am with the funeral following at 2:00 pm. Any donations can be made to the First Baptist Church of Carlisle, the Nicholas County Historical Society, the Madisonville Episcopal Church, or the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville Kentucky. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in Charge of arrangements

Cemetery Details

Carlisle Cemetery

361 West Main Street
Carlisle, KY 40311

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Carlisle
345 North Locust Street
Carlisle , KY 40311

Service

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Peters*

January 30, 2023 at 06:04 AM



“ *John was a dear friend, and will surely be missed by all that knew him.....my sympathy and prayers.....*



Devra Steckler - October 22, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ *John showed his support and kindness in a very personal way, and I have missed him ever since he left the college.*

Robert Blumrick - October 17, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ *Dearest Lee and Susan*

My heart goes out to you and the rest of your family. Even though I did not know John as an adult, I have such fond memories of him as a young boy. Your family was and always will be so dear to the hearts of my family. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Blessings to each of you

*Melicent Clinkenbeard
Alicia Graham and Marvine Sugg*

Melicent Clinkenbeard - October 17, 2018 at 10:44 AM

DM

“ *I'll never forget you!*”



Danielle Duncan Mitchell - October 16, 2018 at 11:07 PM

GG

“ *Georgia Gilvin lit a candle in memory of John Edward Peters*”



Georgia Gilvin - October 16, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Edward Peters.*”



October 16, 2018 at 03:27 PM

CP

“ *Cathy Pierce lit a candle in memory of John Edward Peters*”



Cathy Pierce - October 16, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Edward Peters.*



October 16, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *Lee, looking at John's picture is like looking at Henry! John certainly shared his generous spirit with a great many. He will be long remembered. Lee, I pray for you and Susan, for God's Grace and Comfort to envelope you both.---* Janie Duncan McGee

Janie Duncan McGee - October 16, 2018 at 03:40 AM



“ *Patricia Hawkins lit a candle in memory of John Edward Peters*



Patricia Hawkins - October 15, 2018 at 11:49 PM



“ *So sorry about John's passing. We worked with John at Madisonville Community College and he always made you laugh when we had conversations. He was a good and honorable co-worker. May God be with you all during this time.*

Judy and Bob Adkins

Judy and Bob Adkins - October 15, 2018 at 11:17 PM

CS

“ Rest In Peace John. No more pain just the comfort of Christ's arms.

Caroline Swaim - October 15, 2018 at 11:11 PM

RL

“ I met John many years ago at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts. We became friends over the years and shared many stories and a lot of laughter. He was a great man with a heart for the community and the folks that lived in it. A great loss for those of us who remain. You will be missed, John. God bless your family and many friends as we celebrate your life and the positive impact you made on the community you loved.

Ray Ligon - October 15, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ I really enjoyed John coming to WFMW Radio over the years to record "MCC & You"....a weekly program about the local college...being from Dayton, Ohio, John and I would talk a lot about the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals....I really miss that....I know it was a struggle with his condition...Rest in peace my friend. Danny Koeber WFMW Radio, Madisonville, KY

Daniel Koeber - October 15, 2018 at 09:43 PM

MA

“ I worked with John several years at Buffalo Trace ADD and enjoyed his sense of humor, his love of music and being a prankster, especially to his friends. He could be totally serious, setting up a situation knowing it would be surprising or upsetting to the individual, but always coming clean before any action was taken. He always sent a hand written Christmas card/letter every year, giving updates of family members and activities. His handwriting was horrendous, but I so enjoyed deciphering the content. He was so proud of his nieces and his entire family. I always enjoyed the stories about his mom, dad and sister. As in one of John Prine's song, "My Old Kentucky Home, Goodnight".

Marlene Duffy

Marlene - October 15, 2018 at 08:04 PM

JH

“ John was my sweet friend. As I shared his obit tonight, on Facebook I shred this message. I hope you helps you know what he meant to me. So very sorry for you loss.

John began his tenure at MCC when I was the Director at the Chamber of Commerce. We talked almost daily, back then. He could always make sense of the madness I'd share with him regarding my work life and talk me off of the ledge. His humor was a tad off-center, which made me laugh even more at his awesome stories and life lessons. His work was his passion, helping Madisonville and surrounding counties benefit from the arts and higher education, raising millions for programming and expansion of degrees.

He was my “go to guy”, always answering my calls immediately, saying in his signature, slow drawl, “What’s going on?” I can hear him now as I type this message.

I will miss you everyday, John, as I drive by “our” house. Wish I could see you there, one more time, sitting in your lawn chair with your beer. No doubt, you and Eddie Ballard are sharing a beverage, right now. Rest in peace, sweet friend. Your struggle is over.

Cheers, Love! 🥺❤️

Jayne Barton Hundley - October 15, 2018 at 07:55 PM

HS

“ John Peters is one of those rare individuals that could light up a room by his very presence. Moments after you met him for the first time, you felt like you knew him for years. He would call my wife and I, announce he was on the way to Central City and would like to spend some time with us. We treasured those visits and the times he spent with us at our (former) lakehouse at Lake Malone. The last time we saw him, he informed us that he was going to Carlisle, that his health had a “glitch” needing attention and that he would see us in a few weeks. He looked forward to visiting us in New Smyrna Beach, Florida when we “wintered” there. Praying for comfort for his family (especially Mrs. Peters aka “Mom”, and Susan aka “Sis”). We’ll be telling “John” stories for many years to come. Thank You for sharing him with us.

Hugh & Pat Sweatt - October 15, 2018 at 07:34 PM

CS

“ As one of my best friends, Susan and I spent a lot of time together, so I knew John well. I was the friend who tagged along on summer vacations to keep Sue entertained while Henry, Lee and John talked about and played golf. I remember one trip when we were playing some game in the car where one person gave hints and another guessed the answer. I remember John was just incensed that I didn't guess Tom Watson. He had given me a dozen hints! Ha. I'm also not a golfer. I was John's date to his senior (my junior) prom. Things didn't go well for us, but such is teenage life! I still felt like he was a dear friend who was a key player during my high school years. I personally experienced how the Peter's were such a loving and tight-knit family and how Henry and Lee passed their faith and love for community on to John and Sue. My heart is just broken for Lee and Susan. All my love, you are in my prayers daily.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

*May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.*

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Carol Chamberlin Siler - October 15, 2018 at 07:33 PM

CH

“ So very sorry! John was such a sweet soul!

Carol hunt - October 15, 2018 at 05:22 PM

BM

“ Barbara McCoy lit a candle in memory of
John Edward Peters



Barbara McCoy - October 15, 2018 at 05:17 PM

HP

“ *Herb & Anne Pritchett purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Edward Peters.*



Herb & Anne Pritchett - October 15, 2018 at 04:17 PM

JJ

“ *I enjoyed spending time with John as a coworker at MCC. He will be missed by many.*



Joey Jones - October 15, 2018 at 03:50 PM

BN

“ *Beth and Don Norton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Edward Peters.*



Beth and Don Norton - October 15, 2018 at 03:49 PM

CB

“ *To John's family: You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I consider it a privilege to have known John and will remember him fondly. He will be missed.*
Most sincerely,
Carole Baughn

Carole Baughn - October 15, 2018 at 03:37 PM

AR

“ One of the kindest people I have met. You will be deeply missed.
Andy & Ballast

Andy Reynolds - October 15, 2018 at 03:26 PM

CC

“ Very sorry to hear. John was a good friend of
Madisonville Community College and I
enjoyed working with him. He was always
very thoughtful and always asked about my
children. Prayers to the family of John Peters.



Chet Cunningham - October 15, 2018 at 03:20 PM

FJ

“ It is difficult to believe that John's life on earth has ended. He was
such a vital and driving force during his time here at MCC. John
could always be counted upon to brighten your day with his wit and
humor. He was a rare individual that connected with folks from all
walks of life with a genuine interest and pleasure in doing so. MCC
was fortunate for him to have made Madisonville his home. I feel
fortunate to have worked closely with John during his earlier years
at the college and to have known him as a colleague and friend to
my husband and me. I appreciate even more what he was able to
do for MCC. The impact of his service to our institution will be
forever there in the buildings for which he raised funds and for his
philanthropic nature to students in need.

Felecia Johnson - October 15, 2018 at 03:04 PM

DC

“ You simply couldn't find a more steadfast friend than John Peters. Our communities are better because he was part of them. Thank you for sharing John with us here in Western Kentucky. I shall never forget him. *Debbie Cox*

Deborah Cox - October 15, 2018 at 02:45 PM

NC

“ You all have my deepest sympathy! John or JEP, as I called him, was one of the most genuine people I have ever met. I have missed him since he left MCC and will continue to think of him with fondness of all that he brought to our lives! *RIH, JEP!*

Sincerely,

Natalie Cooper

Natalie Cooper - October 15, 2018 at 02:43 PM

DW

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends. May GOD wrap his arms around you and comfort you during this time.

Debbie Cord Wilson - October 15, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Edward Peters.



October 15, 2018 at 02:06 PM