



## Peter John Children

March 11, 1934 - June 11, 2022

Peter John Children, 88, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, Mason City, IA.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Family suggests that memorials be directed to either MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, Mason City, IA and or Adas Israel Synagogue, 620 N Adams Ave, Mason City, IA.

Peter was born in Mason City, on March 11, 1934, the son of Sydney Children and Jean (Yankovich) Lofing. He was raised an only child. Peter was a graduate of Mason City High School. Peter along with partners began their business adventures in 1956 opening the Masonette, one of the first bars to have live music, many will remember Hob Mason playing Jazz on the piano. The Red Llama, an upscale lounge opened in 1959, where everyone was welcome. In 1979, Peter and a partner opened the Library Restaurant. After the Library Restaurant closed he returned to the Fine Art World, being involved in marketing, commissioning various artists, publishing religious art, as well as importing goods from China. He was an entrepreneur up until the day he passed.

Storytelling was a skill that Peter not only enjoyed but was a master of. Many people will miss his great sense of humor and cheerful smile.

Those left to cherish memories of Peter are his Aunt, Marie "Jabba" (Glen) Deziel of Weslaco, Texas; cousin, Helen "Dodo" Schmidt of McClellan; special person he considered his step-daughter, Monda (Brent) Linderman and her mother, Elizabeth Schukei, widow of Robert Schukei; as well as numerous extended family members.

In his life he had many friends, some still living and some not, friends to mention are Michael Dunn, Michael (Ann) Sweesy and their son, Matthew, Jack and Tom MacNider, Andy and Pete Pergakis, Vic Santerimo, Jim and Leo Chimbdis, Alan Steckman, Max Weaver, Russ Harty, Jerry Koerber and Myrna Barlas. The amount of people we would

like to list is limitless, just know if you were not mentioned you still were important to Peter.

Peter is preceded in death by his parents, both maternal and paternal grandparents, and special friend, Cindy Kockler.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery

1224 South Washington  
Mason City, IA

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ My friend- I miss your smile, your stories, your enthusiasm for life. I would give anything for one more phone call from you at 2 am, excitedly explaining your latest idea to my half asleep self. I will always cherish the memories of our many lunches, our long discussions about books and politics, and your always wise advice. Whenever I needed anything, you were there to lend an ear or a hand. The friendship we had is irreplaceable, and I am heartbroken that I missed the opportunity to say goodbye. I hope you know how much you meant to me, the impact that you had on the course of my life, and that I loved you and always will.

Michelle Schwake - July 31 at 03:49 PM

SZ

“ The last time I visited Mason City for a class reunion, I had a lovely dinner with Peter. He always spoke about his love for my dad and how close they were for many years, up to the very time of dad's passing. He was always so well known throughout my life as a dear friend. We continued to stay in touch over the years. He will be missed.

Sue Fox Zerlin - June 16 at 01:29 PM

LS

“ Peter ‘PJC’ will be so greatly missed by my family. With warm fondness I remember your patronage at Athenian, while I worked to ensure your dining was perfection. Later in my adult years, I am grateful for his loyal advocacy to my daughters and myself. I recall his Tuesday movie dates with my Aunt Cindy and companionship to her. Peter was enjoyable company at our family gatherings at Linda's we so enjoyed his homemade Carmel rolls!! As well as the infamous Bread Pudding we all fought over to get the largest portion! They rivaled my Grandmothers homemade treats. Our family, Linda Giese, Jerry Roberts, Elaine Goeke, myself Lisa Severson, Kaylyn & Jenna Severson, Laura Giese & her girls have found memories, Peter you are missed. Praying that you'll be with your Mother and Aunt Cindy.

lisa severson - June 16 at 01:22 PM

ML

He always did make the worlds best bread pudding Lisa! He would always make me my own pan at least once a month! Miss him dearly

Monda Linderman - June 19 at 05:26 AM

LS

*Monda I am Happy to hear it wasn't exclusive to my family! Glad to know he shared it with those close to him!!*

**lisa severson** - June 19 at 11:05 AM

KS

*“ Peter, you will be missed by so many people. I remember the days when we had amazing parties at the Story Book House. The people that would stay with us during the Red Llama days. You were the only person who could rub away my horrible headaches. I also remember the love you gave to your mother and Heiney. Then I could go on about the Athenian days. I will miss you and your amazing hugs, always being called Kimmy by you. You are now with your loved ones. I'm sure Cindy was waiting with open arms for you. May your memory be Eternal*

**Kym Kantaris- Sutton** - June 14 at 06:48 PM

ML

*“ Mary Lee-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Peter John Children*



**Mary Lee-Anderson** - June 14 at 12:29 PM

DH

*“ Very nice man, caring and intelligent, i'll miss you.*

**Denise Hennigar** - June 14 at 12:21 PM

RA

*“ To a very dear and sweet friend. Peter it was a joy to have known you. I really enjoyed having coffee and chat. I enjoyed the working relationship we had over your jewelry and marketing stories.*

*The lord has you now and you can be at peace.*

*You deserve to relax now. Some day we will meet again. Till then I will never forget you.*

*My deepest sympathies go out to your family at this time. 🙏💙🙏*

**randy** - June 13 at 11:19 PM

DC

*My sympathy to all of Pete's Family and Friends. Pete was a 1950s person like I was in Mason City, Iowa. He at the High School and me at St. Joe's. Pete was a good man and cared for Mason City, Iowa. God Bless.*

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**Don Carlson** - June 14 at 03:12 PM

MD

*May God grant Peter joy , music and reunions*

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**Mary Kay Doering** - June 15 at 10:57 AM