



Peter Derek Surkan

September 24, 2023

Peter Derek Surkan, 64, passed away on Sunday, September 24 at the QE2 in Halifax after a very brief illness. He was the proud father of Devan (Hayley) and stepsons Ian (Janelle) and Adam (Stephanie). He leaves behind his sisters Lori (Don), Traci (Shawn), Donna and Rhonda (Oscar-deceased), girlfriend Cheryl, best friend Sandra and Devan's mom, Merie. Pete is also lovingly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews and a great many friends living from coast to coast. He was predeceased by his parents Peter and Arlene (McVittie) Surkan.

Peter is well known for many things in his life, but above all else, he was the world's best dad to his son, Devan. He was a talented musician, tenor, and actor, having played in several bands and in leading parts with performances at the Charlottetown Confederation Center and the Harbourside Theater on PEI. Pete was a terrific cook and baker and loved to decorate and entertain. He enjoyed travel, exploring quaint new places, games & card nights, parties (especially Hallowe-en dress-up), concerts, and his two little kitties, Bo and Aro.

For the past year, Pete was ever so proud to work side-by-side with Devan at The Lodge that Gives in Halifax and often remarked that this was the best job of his entire life for so many reasons.

The Beatles were his favorite all-time band, and John Lennon was his idol. As quoted by John, "Yeah we all shine on, like the moon, and the stars, and the sun," Pete will forever shine brightly in the hearts of those he touched.

No visitation by personal request. A celebration of Peter's life will be scheduled in the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lodge that Gives.

Tribute Wall

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“ I only met Peter a couple times - once to have peanut butter burgers at my office a year or so ago and another time this summer to celebrate Devan's birthday at Montana's. There are so many words to describe Pete - proud dad to Devan, a wonderful man who was sweet, kind and lovely to talk with, salt of the earth. He had such a beautiful smile that made his eyes twinkle. My heart breaks for Devan, Hayley and Peter's family. My deepest sympathies. Rest in peace sweet Peter.

Traci Millar - October 26, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ I worked with Peter at red shores, and Devan at pizza delight. Peter was always funny and charming in conversations. He had everyone over one night to his house after work, and I got to go, he told stories and entertained :) I'm shocked by this news and so sad. Sympathies to you all.

Jamie Daley - October 21, 2023 at 08:15 PM

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“ Peter & I had so many fun times with our road trips, visits to Cafes, menu planning with our delicious meals . And lots of relaxing times by walking on the beach hand & hand ,going to our quiet places or just sitting quietly in each others company!
I will miss Peter forever & felt he was my soulmate....lots of love Cheryl Durham xo❤️
Sending my condolences again to Devan & Family and all of Peter's friends. 🙏

Cheryl Durham - October 18, 2023 at 08:04 PM

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Shocked and so saddened to hear of Pete's passing. I worked with Pete and a prouder father I have rarely encountered. His quick wit and kind nature I will never forget. Having recently spent time at the IWK this summer with my granddaughter, Pete was the quick to reach out to offer any assistance he could. Devan, your Dad will be missed and his memory cherished. Gods speed Pete.

Lynn Woodland - October 21, 2023 at 09:06 AM