



Mr. Brent Peters

March 26, 1943 - September 11, 2022

Brent A. Peters, 79, long-time resident of Iowa Falls, left this earth to go to his eternal home on September 11, 2022. As Brent was a very humble man, his wishes were that there be no formal service, only a private family graveside service. Memorials and donations may be made in Brent's name to the Greenbelt Humane Society, 319 River Street, Iowa Falls, IA 50126. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls is caring for Mr. Peters and his family.

Brent was born on March 26, 1943 in Swaledale to Lois (Thomas) and Ray Peters. Brent graduated from Rockwell-Swaledale school. After graduating from high school, Brent attended and graduated from NIACC. He continued his education at the University of Northern Iowa, proudly graduating and receiving his teaching certificate. He accomplished his goal to follow in his mother's footsteps and to become a teacher. Brent started his teaching career in Klemme and spent the remainder of his teaching career at Iowa Falls High School teaching business and accounting courses along with coaching until his retirement. Brent was known for his love of teaching and more so for his love and mentoring of his students in education and life.

Brent remained a bachelor and was always looking to befriend others, giving love and kindness to everyone he met. His motto in life was "Kindness Matters."

To thank Brent for his giving of kindness, the residents of Iowa Falls started a school scholarship fund in Brent's name, the Brent Peters Kindness Scholarship. Donations to this scholarship were from friends, former students and others and will be given to two high school students per year and for future years to come. Brent was both honored and humbled by the recognition and outpouring of the community for this scholarship.

Brent enjoyed his hobby of antiques, being with family and most of all his love for his kitties that he adopted. Brent always had a smile on his face and a sack of candy to give some to everyone. He was a dedicated Christian and church attendee.

Brent is survived by his twin sister, Barbara Montgomery; his brothers: Lynn (Kay) Peters and Paul (Sheri) Peters; along with several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Brent will be welcomed to his eternal home by his parents, Ray and Lois Peters, both paternal and maternal grandparents; brother-in-law, Jay Montgomery, nephew, Larry Easter and several aunts and uncles.

Brent's motto in life was "Kindness Matters" of which he lived his entire life. Please carry this kindness forward.

Love You Brent.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I recall him from my days at Klemme High School. Such a kind man!

Peg McClure - April 26, 2024 at 01:05 PM

BM

“ Brent, I must remember, between hello and goodbye there was 79 years of love.



Barb Montgomery - June 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM

BM

“ I wish I had you to talk to, tomorrow...Mothers Day. You would never guess I am, indeed, a mother. I'll sit here as I do everyday by myself and watch the hours pass. Just another day.



barbara montgomery - May 13, 2023 at 02:59 PM

BM

“ You loved Easter, JESUS, and Spring when dozens of your beautiful flowers pushed through the ground. I miss you. Brent There are so many things I want to tell you.



Barbara Montgomeryqq - April 10, 2023 at 01:24 AM

BM

“ Oh, Brent, this is one of the saddest days of my life. You are not here to share our birthday, I'm devastated. The “twin bond” is strong and enduring I'm am, angry, though, having been the one left behind. Brent, you are my history. Happy birthday to us :) Barb



Barbara Montgomery - March 26, 2023 at 05:48 PM

TS

“ Twin Sister lit a candle in memory of Mr. Brent Peters



Twin Sister - February 22, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



JOHN ALAN SKARE - October 24, 2022 at 03:53 PM

AM

“What can I say about Brent? Brent was the most special person to my son, Billy. The 1st time we met him was at our antique store in Eldora. He bought some very well tarnished brass letters that spelled love. He came back to the store with his polished brass letters. After that, he came back every week and always purchased something. We then moved to Parkersburg and had an antique store there. He would always bring Billy a big bag of candy, and if I, Billy's mom was there, he would bring us both a sandwich from Kwik Star. He would not only buy something, but would stay to visit. Billy ended up developing a very close relationship with him. They would go out to bowl at least 1-2 times a week until he wasn't feeling well anymore. We sold some items for him on eBay. Billy would buy something for him every Christmas, even tho Billy never bought anything for me on Christmas. But it was very important to buy something for Brent. Everytime Billy had a flea market, Brent would always show up. Brent would always give us a post card with a bible verse or inspirational message. I have to say, my son had bipolar and Brent was always there for him. Brent would call and say, "Im really worried about Billy" I should say so much more about Brent, but he was the greatest example of a Christian, that actually put in practice Christian principles, that I have ever met. RIP Brent. I am sure you are up in heaven helping all the angels.

Anita Meester - October 20, 2022 at 07:23 PM

BA

'Thank you. Brent loved Billy and Tubby.

Barb - November 10, 2022 at 06:40 PM



Growing up in IF with Brent as my accounting teacher (maybe typing too) and cross-country coach, he was always a special spirit who would let us get away with most anything, when some other characters were straight out of the Pink Floyd school of discipline.

My brother and I used to tease him and call him Lord Peters because we knew that touched on religious sensitivities, but he was never judgmental and always supportive, letting us visit him at that little apartment many times to see what the antiquing had brought home lately.

I miss him dearly and know that endless other IFHS grads do too. Rest in Peace Lord Peters. --MLeeps

Mark Leeps - November 29, 2022 at 09:22 PM

BA

“ *Barb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Brent Peters*



Barb - October 20, 2022 at 12:28 AM

WD

“ *Great times with Brent!*



William Downs - October 19, 2022 at 10:26 PM

JS

“ 3 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



John Skare - October 11, 2022 at 08:23 AM

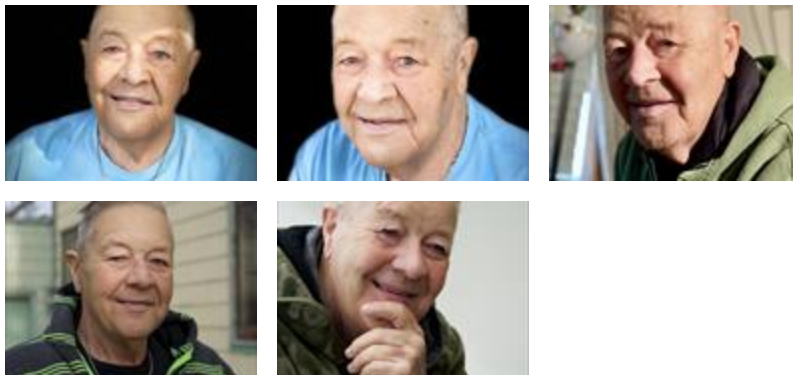
BM

These pictures mean the world to me. Thank you, John.

Barbara Montgomery - October 13, 2022 at 08:20 PM

JS

“ 15 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



JOHN ALAN SKARE - October 10, 2022 at 08:23 PM

BM

These pictures mean the world to me, John. Thank you

Barbara Montgomery - October 13, 2022 at 08:22 PM

WD

One of if not the best person I have ever met. "See you on the beach," Brent man.

William Downs - October 19, 2022 at 10:02 PM

JS

“ I first met Brent in Klemme, IA. We were both teaching. Since each of us liked old 'stuff' we became friends. Once you are a friend of Brent's, however, he will always be there for you. Over our 45+ years of friendship we've talked about many things and checked out lots of old 'stuff' together. What I remember most about Brent is his love of people and his interest in their lives. Brent gave of himself to all, regardless. He will always be my brother in Christ. I can still hear him say "I love you John and give Mona a hug from me." John & Mona Skare

John Skare - September 17, 2022 at 10:48 AM

CI

“ Brent was very special in our lives. We first met Brent when my husband had a heart attack and Brent happened to be his roommate in Mason City. The girls and I would call him quite often until the last few years. He is a very special person to us!!!! My husband died in January, so they are together once again. Cherish the memories like we have!!
Cindy Hothaus, Brandon, Miranda, Lindsey, Justina and Jarrett and families from Alta Vista

Cindy - September 14, 2022 at 11:36 AM

MP

“ Brent's smile tells his nature. He was a kind, interesting man. He was so aware of everyone, interested in others, & wished the best for them. But he would rather talk about you than about himself. I knew him through Craig Saathoff whom I taught with at the Junior High/Middle School, & we frequently met at antique auctions.

mary ann patton - September 13, 2022 at 11:48 PM

BA

“ *Barb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Brent Peters*



Barb - September 13, 2022 at 09:07 PM

BA

At the closing of our nightly phone conversations you'd tel" You are the most important person in the world to me".

Barb - September 13, 2022 at 10:20 PM



Barb - Brent and I shared the fact that we were twins! I have a twin brother. He was so kind and so concerned when my twin brother suffered a severe stroke last year - he reached out several times to see how he was doing.

Jane Stephenson Harris - September 14, 2022 at 11:07 AM

DF

“*First and foremost – Please accept my heartfelt condolences to everyone who loved Brent Peters. He was a dear friend of mine and I miss him.*

I met Mr. Brent Peters in the early fall of 1983, when as a short, scrawny teenager, I tried out for the high school cross-country team he coached. Little did I know how much I would learn from the man affectionately nicknamed “Greedy” or that we would remain friends until now.

Those folks fortunate enough to know or to have even briefly met Brent Peters, would know that Greedy was about the most ironic nickname he could ever receive. I will state, unabashedly, Mr. Peters possessed one of most caring, warmhearted, and compassionate people I have ever met. Brent loved his family and spoke about them often, but his love and concern went beyond that point – he genuinely cared and loved his fellow human beings. You saw this in how he would care for his landlady for several years before her passing. You could see the concern in his actions, both as a high school teacher and a coach. This provided Brent with a second and very large family – any kid that passed through his classroom or participated on a team he coached. He treated each one of us as if we were part of his family, even if it was only for an accounting class or a season. When he would ask you about “how are you doing” or “what are you up to” – he was honestly asking. Despite time and a profession requiring a dose of cynicism, I can and will always point to Brent as one of the few truly genuine compassionate and selfless people to have blessed this world.

Mr. Peters’ welcoming and caring nature stemmed from his immensely deep faith. A profoundly Christian man, Brent lived his life truly in the Spirit of the Lord. He viewed each day, each moment, each person as a precious gift. Mr. Peters would try his hardest to ensure people understood that he valued and cared for them – always striving to provide people with inspiration. Those of us lucky enough to have taken classes with him in high school will recall how

he would write a "Thought of the Week" on the chalkboard to provide food for thought. He always kept the messages positive and full of hope – though not Scripture, the messages reflected the beautiful Christian soul of this man.

I would be remiss if I did not state how much Mr. Peters taught me. Brent showed me how a person can lead without directing; how to coach and mentor without being overbearing or condescending, and how to be principled and achieve results. He provided a daily lesson in these areas to me without even realizing it. I was fortunate enough to tell him this fact a few years ago – I just hope I was able to pass along his lessons to a future generation.

If Brent read these tributes – he would react the same way anytime told him how great of person he was – he would blush, put on sheepish smile (he never could keep a poker face), and say something along the lines of "gosh", "shucks", "nah" and then turn it right around to give you a compliment.

Well, Greedy – it is all true, so you just have to accept it. I will see you at the finish line.

Darren Fey - September 13, 2022 at 06:06 PM

JA

“*Mr Peters (Greedy) was one of the kindest person I even met. He was always there with a smile and hello. I had him first period and his positive outlook always started my day off in the right direction. He was also easy to get off topic just had to ask him about one of his old cars 🚗 Thoughts and stories of Mr Peters still bring smiles to my face. He was a great man and will will be missed dearly. Kindness Matters!!*

Jared Atkinson - September 13, 2022 at 02:48 PM

DL

Brent welcomed me to UNI taking me out for pizza and a warm friendly evening of visiting. Time went by before we realized it was after 11:00 pm and the main door of my dorm was closed. We had to wake up the dorm mother to get me in. That resulted in my having to make bulletin boards for the next three weeks and in evenings check into the main desk of the dorm every hour after 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm during the three weeks. Brent took me out again at the end of my three weeks. He was a lifelong very good friend of my brother and again we had a good time, but time got away from us and I earned another three weeks of bulletin board making. After that we were a bit better at watching the clock and Brent was very good about helping his friend's younger sister adjust to UNI life! He introduced me to peanut butter malts in the union, UNI traditions, and was a very kind friend. I will always treasure the memories of a very kind, thoughtful and generous friend! I lived at the YWCA in Mason City prior to attending UNI where I became acquainted with Brent's twin. My life has been blessed knowing both Brent and Barbara. To Barbara and Brent's surviving family: may the grace of God comfort you at this time of sorrow and May your memories of Brent also bring you peace, comfort, and a smile again. God Bless and Keep you all. -Diane (Braun) Luepke

Diane Luepke - September 13, 2022 at 05:08 PM

DB

“Brent was a kind, caring true Christian human being to everyone he met. Yes "Kindness does Matter", we wish our world had more Brent's. You are in our prayers and hearts. You will be missed greatly. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Brent's family and especially his twin sister Barbara.

Don and Carol Butcher

Donald Thomas Butcher - September 13, 2022 at 01:59 PM

SH

“ *What a Beautiful Soul!! He would come to Casey’s Central always with a smile and kind words and even a candy bar for all of the employees, even if you weren’t working!! He would leave you something for when you did come to work!! I will never forget him bringing me a Teddy Bear for my Birthday, just to make me feel special!! My heart is heavy with Sadness, Rest In Peace my Friend!!*

Shelly Huffman - September 12, 2022 at 09:39 PM

GG

“ *Coach was the kindest man and I’m sure he is rejoicing with all those gone before him. The welcome he received as he entered God’s kingdom was filled with love.*

Gwen Groen - September 12, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Mister Peters was a much-loved teacher and coach at Klemme High. He is remembered for his kindness, his professionalism and his many friendships. He cared about every student, whether we were in his classes, on his teams or not He was also a well-liked 4-H leader during his Klemme days. We were pleased to dedicate the 1976 Shamrock (Klemme yearbook) to him. We need more teachers like him. Best wishes to his family.*

Jane McClure - September 12, 2022 at 07:50 PM

RR

“ I know my entry is long; yet with a person as special as Mr Peters of course we could write a book.

As we are starting our second week of school in my 36 year of teaching, I'm remembering fondly Mr. Peters. Each week in his high school accounting class, Mr. Peters would write a quote on the board to inspire us to be the best we could be— kind, accepting, hard working, have fun, enjoy life, forgive, laugh, cry, treat others the way we want to be treated, etc.

That's what made his math class one that we wanted to be in even for people like me where math terrified me. And, of course, Mr. Peters knew what we were doing when we would try to talk about the quote longer to avoid diving into the lesson. Mr. Peters made a difference.

For me, as probably for many of us, he continued to impact my life as an adult. For the past 8 years, Mr. Peters has sent me 100's of 5 by 7 typed and handwritten sheets with his quotes. I'd get one greeting card every month with numerous sheets of quotes. He'd always write heartfelt short messages that always made me feel joyful, laugh and sometimes tears. I'm sure I was not any more special than any other student he had; yet, I sure did feel pretty darn special every flippin time I'd get those cards as an adult. Now as an adult and educator, I understand how Mr. Peters was ahead of his time as an educator. His lessons were all about “ mindfulness” and how to live a life worth living. He knew the important things in life. Mr. Peters here is what I'll be sharing with my class this week.

The quote for today for our mindfulness lesson is change.

“Change can be hard. Change can be great. Embrace the changes because in those changes we grow”. Brent Peters 05/12/22

Thank you Mr. Peters for being a blessing to so many❤️ I will miss you dearly.

robbie roozen - September 12, 2022 at 07:55 AM

CD

That's so sweet, Robbie! 😊😊❤️

Cathi Davidson - September 12, 2022 at 06:50 PM

CN

Thank you my uncle Brent is very special to me I will miss him greatly 💖

Carinda Davis (Brents niece) - September 12, 2022 at 08:06 PM

TG

That is so beautiful, Robbie! Thanks for sharing.

Terri (Lambertsen) Gordy - September 14, 2022 at 12:19 PM

MB

“ Brent was a man who loved everyone and tried to help all. He was so interested in everyone and always had a smile. He was an excellent teacher who could share his knowledge and love there, also. A true friend of mine!

Marileigh Behrends - September 12, 2022 at 07:34 AM

SS

“ Im sosorry for your loss. I live right next door and want to say he is a wonderful man, neighbor and friend. We will dearly misshim and wish we could have said goodvye. Miss and lov you Brent, from Shawna and John

shawna stewart - September 11, 2022 at 09:24 PM

 Chad Bormann

“ Greedy was my HS cross country coach. I never had him for class, but I did have him for 1st hour study hall.He used to sneak me Steven King novels from Karen Nott for me to read. Best guy ever. You will be missed.

Chad Bormann - September 11, 2022 at 07:08 PM

BK

“*Brent was one of the most kind and supportive people I was privileged to meet during my 11 years serving as a pastor in Iowa Falls. He was a close friend of the Saathoff family and I had the opportunity to get to know him well following the terrible accident that took Craig's life and left Mary permanently disabled. He was always a caring, committed and true friend to all. Even after I took another call and left the community Brent routinely sent me thoughtful cards around Easter with words of encouragement and care for me and our family. I know he was a beloved and respected teacher in the community, but for me Brent was simply my friend. I will miss him dearly and I'm thankful to God for the blessing he was in my life.*

Brian King - September 11, 2022 at 06:50 PM