



Peter John von Oeyen

March 26, 1958 - April 2, 2025

Peter John von Oeyen of Bad Axe, and formerly of Harbor Beach, unexpectedly passed away April 2, 2025, at the age of 67. He has joined in Heaven his parents, Rev. Robert R. and Janet A. von Oeyen, and his sister, Barbara Joy von Oeyen. He is survived by brothers Rev. Robert R. (Sherry) von Oeyen, Jr. of Staunton, VA; David G. (Nancy) von Oeyen of Malibu, CA; Dr. Paul T. (Cynthia) von Oeyen of Bloomfield Hills; Richard H. (Cindy) von Oeyen of Lee, NH; numerous nieces and nephews; and his friend of 14 years, Christine Smith.

After completing high school in Harbor Beach, Peter received a full scholarship to attend Alma College, graduated with honors, and subsequently took engineering courses at the University of Michigan. Peter enjoyed working with people and appreciated for many years living on the shore of Lake Huron tending pets and the hummingbirds, observing wildlife and the view of the lake, and especially sailing with his family. He frequently supplied the firecrackers at the traditional von Oeyen family "Birch Bank" Fourth of July celebrations.

Peter was a sensitive soul who was always a strong advocate for the underprivileged and the forgotten and was especially concerned about the recent direction our country is going and the increasing disparities between the have-nots and the privileged few. He was a strong supporter of Universal

Healthcare, Democracy and Voting Rights, Environmental Protection, and a more equitable distribution of our abundant resources to meet the basic needs of everyone. The recent changes in this country enabling the greed of the politically powerful and their disdain for “the others” profoundly troubled him.

Peter was a person of strong Faith, and believed as Jesus has exhorted us, to bring the values of Love and Respect for all individuals to this world, and not just wait to look for them in the next. Peter, may you be at rest in God’s Love at last!

A Memorial Service will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3633 Big Beaver Rd, Troy MI 48073 on Friday August 15, 2025 at 2pm with interment of ashes at Rockfalls Cemetery in Harbor Beach on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 405 State St, Harbor Beach, MI 48441.

Cemetery Details

Rock Falls Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 2:00 PM.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Interment

AUG **17**. 1:00 PM.

Rockfalls Cemetery