



Peter "Pete" Williams

April 6, 1965 - September 22, 2017

Peter Adam Williams passed away on Friday, September 22, at his home in Sopchoppy. He was 52. Born on April 6, 1965 in Providence, Rhode Island, Pete and his family moved to Sopchoppy in 1973. Pete grew up in the old Mt. Beasor Primitive Baptist Church on the Sopchoppy River. The family renovated the church into a wonderful home, including adding the “back house.” Pete loved living in the church, and many of his fondest memories were of growing up on the Sopchoppy River. In recent years, he had remodeled the back house to include a kitchen and bathroom, turning it into his own personal “man cave” where he lived during his final years. Pete and his mother, Ruth Ann Williams, worked diligently and successfully to get the “The Church” listed on the National Historical Homes Registry. An avid outdoors man, Pete loved hunting, canoeing, camping, and bicycle racing. While in high school, Pete and his brother Phil were founding members of Tallahassee Velo Sport, a club for 10-speed bicycle racing enthusiasts. In the summer of 1980 at age 15, Pete, Phil, and friend Ted Gilbert rode their bikes up the East coast to Woods Hole, MA. During the winter break of his junior year in high school, Pete trained at the Olympic Cycling Training Camp in Colorado Springs, CO.

Pete attended Sopchoppy Elementary School and Wakulla High School. His family moved to Tallahassee in 1981, where Pete graduated from Lincoln High School in 1983. He attended Tallahassee Community, then began his life’s

work in the construction and painting industries. Pete loved working with his hands and could build or fix anything. When Pete's father passed away in 2003, Pete built the casket in which his father was buried. It was an exquisite work of art, made of Juniper wood with a cross on top. Pete also was an excellent cook, and truly enjoyed preparing and serving gourmet meals for family and friends.

Pete's loving heart, beautiful spirit, and sensitive soul will be missed by many. Pete was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Theodore "Ted" Williams. He is survived by his mother, Ruth Ann Williams of Tallahassee; his brothers Philip Williams of Minneapolis, MN and Craig Williams of Tulsa, OK; his sisters Polly Williams of Boston, MA and Laura Muir of Tallahassee. Also mourning Pete's passing are numerous other family members and friends.

There will be a graveside service at the West Sopchoppy Cemetery at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 30th. Pastor John Quinton of Sopchoppy United Methodist Church is officiating. Following the ceremony, the family will receive friends at "The Church" on the Sopchoppy River. Bring a covered dish for the luncheon, to share with family and friends. Skip Young of Family Funeral Home in Crawfordville is handling the funeral arrangements.

"Home is the sailor, home from the sea. And the hunter, home from the hill."

Cemetery Details

West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Curtis Mill Rd.
Sopchoppy, FL 32355

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SP

“ So sorry we didn't cross physical paths, Pete. Been with you and Family in heart and spirit all this time. See you on the other side.

Stephanie Phillips

Stephanie Phillips - September 30, 2017 at 11:57 AM

PS

“ Very sorry to hear of Pete's passing. Although I hadn't seen him since we were kids, I have fond memories of hanging out in Sopchoppy and the church with the whole Williams family. My heartfelt condolences to the family - I will be there with you in spirit this weekend.

- Pete Sears

Pete Sears - September 29, 2017 at 07:22 PM

GG

“ Pete: You and I were each others' first love; high school and college sweethearts.

Although things did not work out between us, I thank God every day that we and our families have always remained close, great friends. I've loved you since the first time I saw you, I've always loved you, and I will always love you.

Rest in Peace, My Love.

Gracie

Grace C. Gilbert - September 27, 2017 at 12:05 PM

MA

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Pete. It was an honor to have known such a great man and be able to call him a dear friend that I loved dearly. He will truly be missed and never forgotten.



Mary White

Mary - September 26, 2017 at 10:54 AM

LI

“ I'm very sorry for your great loss. May you find comfort and peace throughout this difficult time. Philipians 4:6,7”

Lindsay - September 24, 2017 at 07:37 PM