



Peter R. Ramsey

June 6, 1953 - March 13, 2012

Pete passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, California. He was born on June 6, 1953 in Bozeman, Montana to Myrtle "Mickie" Ostina (Gilberg) and William "Bill" Thomas Ramsey. Peter, along with his life-partner Dwight Youpee, moved to Santa Barbara in 1980 after annually attending the Channel City Kennel Club Dog Shows and the Santa Barbara Kennel Club Dog Shows beginning in 1975.

Peter had a consummate knowledge of pure bred dogs and was an accomplished owner- breeder- exhibitor of Manchester Terriers. His kennel pedigree-Ramsgate, was well established in the pure bred dog show world, with most of his dogs attaining their championships.

Peter was elected and served for many years as Governor of the American Manchester Terrier Club District 7, and was a member of the Channel City Kennel Club of Santa Barbara. After retiring his Ramsgate Kennel, Peter continued as a professional dog groomer.

A gifted artist who studied Art History at Montana State University, he was a connoisseur of art and was widely recognized for his expertise and renowned collection of antique and contemporary dog art.

Another of Peter's talents was his appreciation of succulents; and everyone

marveled at his creation of the magical garden around his home. Peter had an exceptional knowledge of plants and all animals, both domestic and wild. Among his many other interests were photography, Fine Arts, Interior Design and Space Planning. Peter was an entertaining conversationalist, as well as an impeccable gourmet chef who could execute fabulous meals.

And of course, Peter liked all things "Mickey." Mickey Mouse is ever present in every nook and corner of his home.

Of special meaning to Pete, was his interest and involvement with American Indian culture, art and history. Along with his partner Dwight, Peter was an active supporter of American Indian education, specifically through the American Indian Scholarship Fund of Southern California.

Pete was predeceased by his father "Bill," his mother "Mickie" and his nephew Steve Verwolf. He is survived by his life-partner of 38 years, Dwight Youpee of Santa Barbara; sisters Mary Don Ramsey of Poulsbo, Washington, Sigrid Schunke of Boise, Idaho; brother James Ramsey of Vichel, France; nephew Lucas Verwolf and niece Dallas Verwolf both of Seattle, Washington; nieces Vida Mayes of Nampa, Idaho and Shelly Wray of Eagle, Idaho; and his extended Native American Sioux family of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Northeastern Montana.

Pete's family would like to thank Dr. Mary-Louise Scully of Sansum Clinic for her dedicated care and support, as well as the many other doctors and staff of both Sansum Clinic and Cottage Hospital-a truly exceptional team to whom we are deeply grateful. We also want to express our deepest gratitude to his many friends who supported and visited him during his time in the hospital.

Peter's kindness and gentleness and quick wit endeared him to many people, and he will be sorely missed by everyone whose life he touched.

For those who would like to honor Pete's memory, in lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to: The American Indian Scholarship Fund of Southern California (tax-exempt: #51-043627 federal, #2646598 state), and send to 23705 Vanowen Street, PMB 154, West Hills, California 91307.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Peter's life is planned for 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Chase Palm Park Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **22**. 1:30 PM (PT)

Chase Palm Park Center
236 E. Cabrillo Blvd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Mary Don Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Peter R. Ramsey*



Mary Don Ramsey - March 26, 2012 at 03:27 PM

DY

“ *For those posting condolences, if you wish, please forward your contact information to Dwight Youpee, <dyoupee@gmail.com>, and/or 4513 Auhay Drive, Santa Barbara CA 93110. Thanks.*

Darlan Dwight Youpee - March 26, 2012 at 01:09 PM

BR

“ I am so sorry that this is how I finally got reconnected with Pete. A valued friend through high school and beyond I lost contact with him once he left Bozeman to spread his wings. Half hearted attempts to find him will now be regretted for the rest of my time. Dwight, even though we met only a time or two I know how much you meant to Pete. Early in your relationship Pete shared this poem with me, I find it as appropriate now as it was then. To think I ran across this about two weeks ago is a comfort. The world was a better place with Peter in it. Bob Ross

*The darkness has been broken,
The sun is on the rise.
The blues that you had yesterday
May now reach the skies.*

*I hope the sun can brighten things;
It warms the earth you know.
It heals the wounds of nature
And helps us all to grow.*

*I searched the night for an answer
To the sorrow you once had.
But now the night has broken
And I know you won't be sad.*

*Be strong I said to you for me.
Something which I know you can.
For when you do that's all we need
To help each other stand.*

*For life itself, it's hard to live.
Because of human ways.
People need to have each other
To help them through the days.*

Thoughts will get one nowhere.

*They must be all revealed.
For others may be understanding,
We can't keep them sealed.*

*Everyone must grow together,
To make this earth our place.
Let us live the lives we choose
And meet them face to face.*

*Mark our space of friendship
With a red and yellow pen.
So we may never miss it.
And will always remain friends.*

Pete Ramsey

Bob Ross - March 25, 2012 at 12:33 PM

DO

“Wonderful Pete.... Such an AMAZING gift to those of us lucky enough to be his friend... Pete was one of the funniest people I've ever known. His wit was razor sharp, and I often laughed until I cried. The way he told a story was like no one else - his humor was unsurpassed. He was never afraid to say what he thought - you always knew where you stood with Pete... and I loved that about him. I loved MANY things about him. His bigger-than-life personality. His knowledge about SO many things, and the fact that he was always willing to share that knowledge with me. I was in awe of just HOW VERY talented he was. If we (Channel City K.C.) needed help, he was always there for us. He never said no The club gatherings that Pete & Dwight attended were ALWAYS the best ones....and that was because THEY were there. THEY made them special. Pete was one in a million... a true friend. And I'll miss him forever... I love you Pete.

~ Donna O'Toole

Donna O'Toole - March 24, 2012 at 09:14 PM

AH

“ *Annabelle Hofmann lit a candle in memory of Peter R. Ramsey*



Annabelle Hofmann - March 22, 2012 at 10:33 PM

SB

“ *Steve Bagnall lit a candle in memory of Peter R. Ramsey*



steve bagnall - March 22, 2012 at 09:00 PM

AH

I will always remember the strange gifts you left in my maibox they brought me such joy

Annabelle Hofmann - March 22, 2012 at 10:35 PM

JT

“ *Jo Ann Emrick~Wilane Manchester Terriers sent a virtual gift in memory of Peter R. Ramsey*



Jo Ann Emrick~Wilane Manchester Terriers - March 22, 2012 at 02:50 PM

BB

We were so sorry to hear of Pete passing. He was just such a special person. He will be truly missed by all. Betty and Ernie Brooks.

Betty And Ernie Brooks - March 22, 2012 at 06:16 PM

JT

“ *Jo Ann Emrick~Wilane Manchester Terriers lit a candle in memory of Peter R. Ramsey*



Jo Ann Emrick~Wilane Manchester Terriers - March 22, 2012 at 02:49 PM



“ *Dwight and Peter's family I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Peter from Channel City Kennel Club and I remember our first meeting happy to meet someone who "got" the Smooth Dachshund. He was so welcoming to those new to dog showing and was a highlight of any Channel City event especially where he volunteered to run the activities. The room was full of smiles and laughter when Pete and Dwight were in attendance. He will be missed by many.*
Diane Jones



D Jones - March 22, 2012 at 01:28 PM

BB

“ *My condolences to Dwight and to Peter's family. I knew Pete from the Channel City Dog Club where he helped me learn how to show my dog at their handling classes. He was a very dedicated member of the club and will be sorely missed. He was also very much a personality you could never forget....and I know I never will.*
Beverly Brown

Beverly Brown - March 22, 2012 at 10:52 AM

TO

“ *Tove-Inger Olsen. lit a candle in memory of Peter R. Ramsey*



Tove-Inger Olsen. - March 21, 2012 at 05:45 PM

RH

“ *I am very shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Peter. He died much too young, as he should have had many more years to continue the many wonderful facets of his life. The Manchester Terrier world, the art world, and the Indian world are all left with a large void.*

I met Peter many years ago as a fellow Manchester Terrier breeder/exhibitor and as a fellow member of the American Manchester terrier Club. Peter bred and showed some of the finest Manchesters. He was always a great competitor being both a gracious winner and loser. He was always ready to talk Manchesters, being willing to teach and to learn.

I personally am aware of Peter's artistic talents as I have several of his Manchester works of art. One I was given as a judge's gift, when I judged a specialty in California in 1993 and another I won a bid on at an AMTC National Specialty auction. They are two of my most cherished possessions.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Rod Herner

Rodney E. Herner - March 21, 2012 at 03:36 PM

SE

“ I am so sorry to read of Peter's death. Condolences to Dwight and to Peter's family. I know he will be sorely missed. I first met Peter and Dwight at a handling class they were giving in Santa Barbara in the early 1990's. I was so shocked when these two guys ran up to me saying, "Oh my God, it's a Manchester!" After that, Peter asked me whose dog it was and that started a whole new "oh my god" moment. It was my first Manchester and first handling class and I felt so welcomed and lucky that I had found Manchester people. I lived in Oxnard at the time, so I saw both Dwight and Peter at shows quite frequently. He always hosted one heck of a District 7 specialty every year during that time in Ventura and at the District 7 Christmas Party we had in Long Beach, too. I enjoyed his sly wit and clever conversation. He was also a great source of help when I was just starting out in the breed.

Sara Ellis - March 20, 2012 at 10:14 PM

SE

“ Sara & Jim Ellis lit a candle in memory of Peter R. Ramsey



Sara & Jim Ellis - March 20, 2012 at 10:05 PM

BH

“ Betty Hodges lit a candle in memory of Peter R. Ramsey



Betty Hodges - March 20, 2012 at 08:21 PM

MT

Dwight - it is so hard for me to believe that I won't see Peter again sitting at your usual table at Joe's - but perhaps I will as his dynamic personality was a beautiful light. I want to talk to him more - but I will have to be content with the few memories I have - which were so brief but left a lasting shine in my memory - Blessings to you and to his extended family and friends and memories of all his beautiful animals and plants.

Mariana Titus - March 21, 2012 at 11:25 AM

NS

I'll always remember Peter as giving, kind and absolutely silly. He will be truly missed.

Nancy Simmonds - March 23, 2012 at 09:37 AM