



Peter Prewitt

June 25, 1966 - August 22, 2022

Peter Gerald Prewitt entered this world on June 25th, 1966, in Lincoln Park, Michigan. Peter is the firstborn son of Phyllis (Walicki) Prewitt and Fenton Prewitt. The family spent most of Peter's younger years in Albion, Michigan, where Peter's father worked at the fire department and his mother at the local school. As a young man, Peter developed a passion for fishing and often floated the river behind the family home, angling for the next bite.

In the nineteen eighty's, the family moved from Michigan to Missouri for Fenton's employment as fire chief at Neosho, MO. Peter and younger brother Greg stayed behind to finish their semesters at Michigan State University before joining their mom, dad, and youngest brother, Eric, in Neosho. While living in Neosho, Peter often watched the local Saturday night news, where he spotted the KOAM weekend anchor. Peter told his parents, "I'm going to marry that girl someday." And he did. Gayla (Clark) and Peter were married on July 18th, 1987, in Joplin, MO. The couple's firstborn, Gracie, joined the family on their third anniversary.

After graduating in 1988 from Missouri Southern State University with a bachelor's degree, Peter fulfilled a lifelong dream and joined the Joplin, MO, Fire Department. A few years later, Peter gained employment with the Springfield, MO Fire Department, and the little family moved from Joplin to a small farm near Bolivar, MO, where Peter helped build the family home.

Later, the family welcomed three more children, sons Isaac, Isaiah, and Elijah. Through marriage, the family gained two additional children. Stephen Cotten married daughter Gracie, and Felicity (Harris) married son, Isaac. Peter's pride and joy are his children. He often told Gayla, "We are so blessed to have such great kids."

While living in Bolivar, Peter accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized with his oldest son, Isaac, in the Pomme De Terre Lake. Most recently, he attended the Heights Church in Bolivar, MO.

Peter loved helping people. You might say it was in his DNA. He thought of others, whether working as a first responder at the fire department, plowing a neighbor's driveway after snow, or just checking on a friend or family member. He was a hard worker and provided for his family, selflessly always putting them first. And he was the king of corny jokes. Co-workers at Midwest Rug looked forward to hearing his latest humorous oneliner, and he theirs.

We are heartbroken and miss him greatly, but we find comfort in knowing he is with our Savior in heaven. We love you, my Peter, Dad, Daddy, Pops, Papa Bear, son, brother, and friend!

A celebration of life is set for October 1st, 1:30 pm at the Heights Church, located at:

4787 S. 135th Rd., Bolivar MO 65613 with a picnic following.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes any donations to be made to the Heights Church Foster Care Ministry , Operation Underground Railroad, or the Midwest Children's Burn Camp.

Heights Church Foster Care Ministry <https://www.theheightschurch.net/give>

Operation Underground Railroad. (<https://www.ourrescue.org/join-the-fight>)

Midwest Children's Burn Camp (<https://brsg.org/>)

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

OCT 1. 1:30 PM (CT)

The Heights Church
4787 South 135TH Road
Bolivar , MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Prewitt*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Peter Prewitt*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Peter Prewitt was one of those guys that you enjoyed working a shift with. I was never on the same crew but there were sometimes I had to fill in at the station Peter was at. When I was at Station 2, Peter's crew would stop to get fuel and the conversations between Ernie Fittro and him about putting in wood floors sometimes got a bit comical. Especially about the size of their forearms because of the tools they used. For the record, Ernie had the biggest forearms I had ever seen. Peter did not come close.*

I remember working a motel fire with Peter when he was a rookie and I could tell then, he would be a good one. Plus, he was cracking jokes at the same time. Sorry, I can't recall the jokes he said. That was too many years ago.

He was one great guy and when I heard he had passed away, it hurt deep down. He was one of the best to work with. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Michael Steenstra (retired 2000)

Michael Steenstra - October 10, 2022 at 04:15 PM

BR

“ When I promoted to Battalion Chief for the north side, Pete was at Sta. 3. I will always remember his forthright and level headed discussion during crew meetings. He made it easier for me by speaking up during those meetings with thoughtful and spot on observations that helped the crew form a bond for working together. His loss can never feel less painful yet his time here and the memories he left with us, lift us up for simply having known him as a friend and a brother. Barry Rowell

Barry Rowell - October 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM

EJ

“ Pete was always so nice to me when I would travel to station #9 to work for the shift. We would talk about all kinds of stuff, and he would say the funniest things and we would laugh until it hurt. I am sure going to miss this man.
Eric Jones Air8C

Eric T Jones - October 10, 2022 at 10:01 AM

RM

“ Peter was a great guy. He was someone who would listen and could tell a great story. Also, he was a person you could depend on which is a great asset in the fire service and in life. I'm adding a picture of him I took when I went to the fair several years ago. He's with a fellow firefighter, Chad Sullivan. Rest in Peace, Peter.



Robert Monier - October 10, 2022 at 09:38 AM

RM

Chad Sullivan and Peter Prewitt

Robert Monier - October 10, 2022 at 01:42 PM

DP

Pete was awesome to work around in general. I recall the mornings I would come in to station 9 and he would be sitting in chair and using clippers, he would cut his own hair then ask if anyone else wanted in. He will be missed!!

David Park 11C

David Park - October 10, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Prewitt.*



September 30, 2022 at 12:56 PM

SW

“ *My cousin Peter taught me to catch frogs ..He heard me telling his brothers I was a tom boy because I could climb a tree like they were doing. He laughed and said prove it by catching frogs.down by the creek at our grandmas. As scared as I was I wanted to show him I wasn't. He put one in my hand and laughed he said "Oh dont be afraid he wont bite ya" he was always so kind ..I will always remember him with love.*

Stacy Winters - September 30, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Peter Prewitt.*



September 29, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Prewitt.*



September 29, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Peter Prewitt was one of the kindest of souls. Whenever he was around he wanted to know how I was doing and asked about family. His family was so important to him and he loved sharing about them. The last time I saw Peter he helped me figure out why my band saw wasn't cutting. He kind of laughed and said something like .. this blade is so dull I don't think it will cut anything. He then came into sit down and raved over a coffee table like it was something amazing when I know he's made truly amazing things. But he had a way of making you feel better.*

*Peter, I know you will be missed by many. So thankful you committed your life to Christ and are now with Him in Heaven.
Becky Still*

Becky Still - September 25, 2022 at 10:11 PM

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Coleen Rose - August 31, 2022 at 02:05 PM

SE

“ Oh how I will miss you Peter, I will miss you walking in the door to go fill up your coffee thermos (would take all the coffee that was made, LOL) but you always did make a new pot :) I will miss your corny jokes that you would have for us each time you came in the store, you always made our day ! You are one of the good ones Peter ! Very hard worker and one of the BEST hardwood installers there will ever be! Customers who were lucky enough to have you for their installer sure hit the jackpot !!! Customers always called in to rave on Peter for the quality of his work and how nice he was to them ! Peter took great pride in his work !

It was always so refreshing to hear all the kind words he always spoke of other people, but especially the kind and love-felt words he spoke of his wife and children. Peter was so proud of each one of them, he was always telling us about their accomplishments with such pride in his voice ! You Peter, will truly be missed, you are one of the good guys ! Heaven gained a gentle, kind soul . I will always Miss and Love you Peter.

Love, Sandra

sandra edwards - August 25, 2022 at 12:22 PM