

In Loving Memory of



Peter
Morgan

Sunrise: September 9, 1950 - Sunset: February 3, 2020

Service

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

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A photograph of a drum set, including cymbals and drums, set against a clear blue sky. The word "Obituary" is centered over the image.

Obituary

Peter Morgan was born on September 9, 1950 in Harlem, New York City to proud parents, Vera Munsey and James Peter Morgan.

Peter was an extremely gifted drummer. He became inspired by his stepfather Curtis “Duke” Wilson who was a drummer himself and began playing the drums at the age of 7, and by 9 years old he was already a featured drummer in the studio and on an album. He is recognized for being the drummer in Wilson Pickett’s “Land of a Thousand Dances”. He has been on multiple albums as a studio musician and his drumming is clearly distinguished and recognized by all who hear it. Some of the classic songs in which you can recognize him on are: Carl Carlton’s “Everlasting Love”, Hues Corporation’s “Rock the Boat” and The Five Stairsteps’ “O-o-h Child”.

He started working at the Concord hotel in September of 1969 for Erskine Hawkins and continued to wow audiences there until the summer of 1984. While there, he had the opportunity to meet one of his idols, Buddy Rich. Buddy Rich paid him the ultimate compliment by saying “somebody needs to break this kid’s arm”. That was showing Buddy’s seal of approval.

Peter Morgan was working with the Board of Education (now known as the Department of Education) for about 30 years. While there, he was a positive influence on students. He encouraged them to live their dreams, taught them how to play drums and was always there to give them a kind word, or make them laugh. Over the years former students have contacted Peter to let him know about their successes and attributed it to his influence on them while they were students. During his career he was also an attendance officer where he would go into the field and locate kids who haven’t been present in school. He took a great deal of pride in his job and was well respected by his peers.

Peter was an exceptional father to his children, a loving and devoted husband, a dedicated family member and friend to all who knew and loved him. He has touched the lives in some way of everyone coming to pay their respects on this day. We thank you for honoring his life and his legacy. Peter would want everyone to know that while we all may mourn over him, he would want us to live our lives and be the best version of ourselves. Think of him, smile, and recognize the impact he has had on all of you. Most of you who know him would know that he would love to tell a witty joke, quip, pun, or retort. The next time you hear a joke or a bad pun, please think of him and smile.



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*Mount Holiness Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey*

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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