



Torres "Tory" S. Peterson

October 16, 1979 - August 10, 2021

Torres "Tory" Steven Peterson, 41, of Fond du Lac, passed away at his home on #ToryTuesday, August 10, 2021. Tory was born on October 16, 1979 in Geneva Lake, Ohio. He married his best friend, Erin Elizabeth Kivela, on July 19, 2003.

Tory graduated from Goodrich High School in 1997 and attended UW-Stevens Point. He worked as an Account Manager at Vallen USA in Horicon. Tory loved to hunt with his faithful companions, Harper and Drake, and was a proud lifetime member of the NRA, as well as Ducks Unlimited. He was an avid Michigan Wolverines fan, and enjoyed playing cards and games with his family. Tory was a member of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Mount Calvary.

Tory was most proud of the two children he and Erin raised together, Ethan and Addy. White Knights, Blue Knights, Winnebago Whitecaps, Forest Athletic Club, and Brownsville Little League were among the many baseball and softball programs Tory coached. WLA Football, Basketball, and Baseball teams, and Jr. Viking Football and Basketball teams were also important coaching experiences for Tory. Generously using his time and talents to coach and mentor young athletes, Tory was also involved in many grade school athletics at St. Paul Lutheran School, North Fond du Lac, through the years. One of Tory's favorite summer activities was playing church softball for St.

Paul's during the past seven years.

Tory was an incredibly selfless man who had the biggest heart for all people. The battle with melanoma was fierce, but Tory's faith never wavered. The sickness took his strength, but Tory fought back with grace. The time was too short, but in our memories, Tory will remain ageless.

Those most important in Tory's life were his wife, Erin; son, Ethan; and daughter, Addysin; parents: Paula Urbanick and her husband, Richard; Steven Peterson and his wife, Lisa; in-laws: James and Catherine Kivela; grandparents: Norman and Barbara Risseeuw; siblings: Chris (Heather) Pearson; Kyle Ramirez; and Keli Ramirez; siblings through marriage: David (Dawn) Kivela; Colleen (James) Rindt; and Eric (Amy) Kivela; nieces and nephews: Joshua, Elizabeth, Peter, Kristin, Brexden, and Zoey; godchildren: Ella Merten and Sawyer Lenz; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Tory was a dear friend, coach, and mentor to countless others... too many to list.

Tory was preceded in death by his grandparents Jerry and Iris Peterson, Helen Peterson, Phil Heitke, Fran and Donna Torres, and Helen Urbanick.

The Peterson family would like to thank the Lombardi Cancer Center in Oshkosh and the Hope Division of the Froedtert Clinical Cancer Center in Milwaukee, as well as Pastor Barenz for the many visits and spiritual comforts over the past months.

VISITATION AND FUNERAL: Tory's life will be celebrated on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, 475 E. Merrill Ave, Fond du Lac. Visitation will be from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, with funeral services beginning at 3pm, with Pastor Mark Barenz officiating. Tory's body will be laid to rest after the service at Rienzi Cemetery, but his soul's VicTory is in Jesus, today and forever.

“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:30,31

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Peterson Family which will be used to set up scholarship funds for Tory's children.

Cemetery Details

Rienzi Cemetery

Fond du Lac, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Winnebago Lutheran Academy
475 E. Merrill Ave.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TP

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to your family. May all the wonderful memories of a wonderful life bring comfort and peace to your loved ones.*

The Pedersens - August 17, 2021 at 09:00 AM

LG

I'm so sorry Steve and Lisa. I just found out today about Tort's passing. If you need anything around the home front, I am here.
Leslie

Leslie Gearhart - August 17, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Torres "Tory" S. Peterson.*



August 14, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Torres "Tory" S. Peterson.*



August 14, 2021 at 11:35 AM

TJ

“ *Prayers for you, the kids and all of your family on the loss of Tory.*

T. James - August 14, 2021 at 10:39 AM

KH

“ *My deepest condolences to your family. Sending warm thoughts your way.*

Kim Hoffmaster - August 13, 2021 at 10:16 AM

CS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. May find the comfort that Tory is home. Free of pain and no more suffering. Many prayers to you and you family.*



Char Schifelbine - August 13, 2021 at 03:43 AM

TM

“ *May the lord give u strength when you need it most. Praying for the family during these times. Tracy M*

Tracy M - August 12, 2021 at 10:38 PM

MT

“ *I was SOOO thrilled when my sister had Tory~ But the honor Paula and Steven bestowed on me being his Godmother was one of the Proudest moments of my life.
I said then... 'He'll be special!' Little did I know exactly HOW special he would become. Guess God needs a super special angel now!
Job done my Godson!! xxx*

meredith torres-walsh - August 12, 2021 at 10:21 PM

WD

“ With Love from Dave and Dawn purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Torres "Tory" S. Peterson.



With Love from Dave and Dawn - August 12, 2021 at 05:50 PM

MR

“ My heart is breaking for you and your family. Please know that we are keeping you all close in thought and prayer.

I know our whole family is better for having met Coach Tory! So many wonderful memories of baseball tournaments! It seemed like everything he did, he did with so much passion- it was fun to see his competitive side, but also followed by his gentle patience and a 'you'll get it next time' encouragement to the kids. I know Owen learned true sportsmanship through Tory.

Matt, Misty & Owen Reible - August 12, 2021 at 05:43 PM

GB

“ Prayers for all of your family on the loss of Tory from the Bieker Family.

Greg B. - August 12, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JO

“ Prayers and love being sent from Janet & Michael of Armstrong 🍀 Don Kurki please take extra care of this family🍀

janet O'Connor - August 12, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Torres "Tory" S. Peterson.



August 12, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Torres "Tory" S. Peterson.



August 12, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Torres "Tory" S. Peterson.



August 12, 2021 at 10:29 AM