



## Kenneth Dan Peetz

June 6, 1954 - September 14, 2017

Dan Peetz Obituary Kenneth “Dan” Peetz, age 63 of Elkhorn, Nebraska, died on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha. He was born to Kenneth James and Margaret Mary (Dorwart) Peetz on June 6, 1954 in Sidney, Nebraska. He attended and graduated from Sidney High School and later from the University of North Dakota with a Degree in Physical Therapy. For a time, Dan served his country with the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in May of 1978. On May 20, 1977, Dan was united in marriage to Patricia Hughes in Columbus, Nebraska. He was a practicing physical therapist, having owned and operated Skyline Physical Therapy Services, P.C. in Omaha for 31 years. Dan was a member of the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association and The Nebraska Foundation for Physical Therapy, having served as the NPTA Eastern District Chair from 1991-1995, as well as two terms as the NPTA Treasurer from 2003-2006 and 2009-2012. Dan also served as a board member on The Nebraska Foundation for Physical Therapy from 2004-2012, treasurer for the Foundation from 2006-2012, and was a Wayne Perdue Fellow in 2005. Starting in 2003, he also served as an active member of the NPTA Finance Committee. He received the Mary Ellen Sacksteder Award in October 2016 for his many contributions to the field of physical therapy and the NPTA. He was a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, both Orthopedic and Private Practice sections, the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association, and the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists. Dan was

also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Western Douglas county chapter of Pheasants Forever. Dan was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman, enthusiastic gardener, and lover of all kinds of exercise, including running, cycling, and swimming. Most of all.....Dan loved spending time with his family and friends. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Lynn Peetz, Elkhorn, NE; son, Phillip James Peetz, Kansas City, MO; daughter-in-law, Emily (Ceru) Peetz, Kansas City, MO; daughter, Anne Hughes Peetz, Kansas City, MO; sister, Suzanne (Peetz) Conrad, Sidney, NE; brother-in-law, Paul Conrad, Sidney, NE; brother, Timothy Peetz, Sidney, NE; sister-in-law, Julie (Edwards) Peetz, Sidney, NE., and 6 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth James Peetz, his mother, Margaret Mary (Dorwart) Peetz, and his brother, Philip John Peetz, all from Sidney, NE. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 am Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn with Fr. Tom Fangman officiating. Burial of ashes will take place in Greenwood Cemetry in Sidney, Nebraska at a later date. A Rosary service and visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 from 5 pm till 7 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, with the rosary beginning at 7. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association, care of the Dan Peetz Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 540427, Omaha, NE, 68154-0427, the American Red Cross or the Nebraska Game & Parks Foundation. The Reichmuth Funeral Home of Elkhorn is caring for the Peetz family and condolences can be sent at: [reichmuthfuneralhome.com](http://reichmuthfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Reichmuth Crematory

21901 West Maple Road  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
3400 East 16th Street  
Fremont, NE 68025

## Wake

SEP **19**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

SEP **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth Dan Peetz

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I will forever hold Dan close to my heart. I was in a very bad car accident in 2014. Dan was referred to me by a close friend who is a PT. I will never be able to express in words how much Dan helped me and what he meant to me. I could talk on end about how he made me heal. I had very young children at that time. Dan was so good to me...even let the kids sit in treatment room and read if I didn't have care for them. I can remember many times calling and saying "I'm hurting" and Dan made sure to get me in that day. Dan didn't only have stellar professional skills, he had a kindness and caring about him you just can't find anymore...and his goodness was apparent from time you met him. Thank you. Dan...you made a mark on my life and even my kids. You're going to be nearly impossible if not impossible to beat ...thank you for EVERYTHING you did for me. I will be forever grateful.*

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**Melissa Smith** - November 09, 2018 at 12:32 AM

MC

“ As a current patient of Dan & Skyline, I was shocked to just learn on (October 20th), that my Physical Therapist had passed on. I had not heard of this, and was about to schedule an appt, when Nancy- (massage) phoned me to share the news.

*I only knew of One other Therapist in my life, that had the approach like Dan Peetz had, which was whole body approach & getting at the problem & looking at the big picture, while applying pain relief any way he could. Everyone who shared condolences, feels the same why I did. Kind nature, soft spoken, welcomed by a great staff, He will surely be missed by all his patients & it is hard to learn of this, as I had such respect for him and knew that Skyline was a hands on, One of a kind place I could go to here in Omaha. Sad to learn of this, and my sincere condolences to his wife and family. He will be missed. Margo Cochrane/Omaha, Ne. 68116*

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**Margo Cochrane** - October 21, 2017 at 10:19 AM

JG

“ I was a Phil Delta Theta pledge class brother to Dan in 1972. He was from Sydney and I was from Blair. Even though we can from opposite ends of the state, we became good friends. After I heard the news, I began to think about how long it has been since I last saw Dan and I believe it was around 1976. He moved on with his life and the same for me. My memories are old but when you live with someone for 4 years, you get to know them. He was always so soft spoken. I remember he loved his turtle neck sweaters and fu man chu on his face. Much different than the picture that has been shows. I remember how proud he was of his family and of Sydney. He liked to get into some mischief as well but it sounds like he has really accomplished a lot with his life. It just ended to soon. My memories are of the best. I will remember him fondly.

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**John Gutschow** - September 27, 2017 at 11:56 AM

PP

“ Minutes ago I was stunned with this news of Dan's passing. Danny (as Bill called him) was a man of great faith, which was obvious the moment you met him. Never a kinder, caring man than Danny Peetz. My heart aches for you, Pat and for Phil and Anne and all of the family. My prayers are with you in this great loss of a great man.

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**Paula Platz** - September 21, 2017 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ Rest in peace my brother. I'll look for in the boiler room. YITB Dan. Patty, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**John Schafer** - September 19, 2017 at 10:07 PM

DS

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family. I only knew Dan for about a two month period of time when he worked with my "tennis elbow" about a year ago, my first experience with a physical therapist. I really enjoyed the work he did, but more importantly the way he interacted with me as a patient. He was a true Christian person and I would like the family know how well he treated his patients. My prayers are with you.

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**Dick Schenck** - September 19, 2017 at 04:30 PM

BF

“ To the Peetz family,

We are keeping all of you close in our thoughts and prayers. In memory of a wonderful man, husband and father.

Love always,  
The Brandl Family

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**Brandl Family** - September 19, 2017 at 11:32 AM

DJ

“ so sorry for the loss of our family member. Dan worked at On With Life and I have know him for 4 and half years. He took care of my son that had a brain injury. Even though Zach can not talk he so enjoyed his visits with Dan. Dan was one of the calmest person I have ever met. Was so sad when he left there. I know Zach would want you to know how much he was loved by him and all he took care of there. we shall see you later Dan. Peace to you all

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**Dana Johnston Zach Jackson** - September 19, 2017 at 10:21 AM

PH

“ Dan's passion for his profession and the community was inspiring. He will forever be recognized for his leadership and dedication to physical therapy and the Nebraska Physical Therapy Association. With sympathy to all family, friends and colleagues, UNMC Physical Therapy Education

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**Patricia A Hageman** - September 18, 2017 at 09:24 PM

LC

“ I worked with Dan when he worked at the Glenwood State Hospital-School. He was a great guy. You, his family are in my thoughts & prayers, I am so sorry for loss. May Dan be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom and receive the rewards of a life well lived. May he rest in peace.

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**Lou Cameron** - September 18, 2017 at 08:10 PM

AB

“ I am friends with Dan's daughter Anne. She passed along many great pieces of advice from her father, so though I didn't know him, I know he was a kind person. My condolences to the Peetz family. God Bless.

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**April Befort** - September 18, 2017 at 12:35 PM

LP

“ So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. He was a great mentor, resource, and boss for our son, Jay. We know he will be missed greatly by family, friends, and his colleagues.

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**Larry & Barb Petersen** - September 18, 2017 at 10:13 AM

GH

“ *Patty:*  
I was very sorry to hear the news of Dan's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Even though I hadn't seen both of you for many years, I sort of kept up with where you were at, through mutual friends. As you know, Dan was such a decent guy. In the years I knew him at the fraternity, he never felt ill will about anyone else. If he did, he kept it to himself. It's too bad we become good friends for 3 or 4 years and see each other at the fraternity 3 or 4 times a day and then once we're out of school, we only see each other occasionally. Dan will truly be missed.

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**George Howard** - September 18, 2017 at 10:04 AM

DS

“ *Dan was a great neighbor when we lived on 218th Street. I remember he had the most beautiful flowers and lawn. We are very sorry for your loss.*

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**Dan and Shelly Stromp** - September 17, 2017 at 06:46 PM

MH

“ Dan was a true friend and colleague. I have so many memories as we began our careers together and watched our families grow. Dan, I will be praying for Pat, Phil and Anne as they continue their lives without you. You lived your life well and touched many hearts along the way.  
Till we meet again in Heaven, Goodbye my dear friend.  
Maggie Hebenstreit

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**Maggie Hebenstreit** - September 17, 2017 at 12:46 PM

VJ

“ Dan was a wonderful person to work for. I have many fond memories of my time at the clinic. He had a warm heart and was so compassionate about his patients. Gone way too soon. Rest in Peace Dan. My heart is so saddened

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**Vicki Jensen** - September 17, 2017 at 11:32 AM

MD

“ Danny was a true "gentle man" and he was loved by many. He was kind and giving to all he met. And I was blessed to be his cousin and to be loved by him. God bless all of his family who loved him and miss him so much.

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**Mary Dellenbach** - September 17, 2017 at 05:02 AM

VM

“ Dan will be deeply missed, he had such a kind heart and a generous spirit. My heart felt wish for your family is to find comfort in the many lives he touched. He epitomized the notion of "Do Good and Do it Well!"

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**vicky mchugh** - September 16, 2017 at 12:19 PM