



Peter C. Cecil

March 3, 2016

Peter C. Cecil died peacefully on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at the Essex Center for Rehabilitation and Health Care.

Peter, when asked what he did for a living, would say, "Wood is my life." And indeed it was.... A cabinetmaker, he loved working with wood and created much fine furniture, stairs and custom woodwork both here in the Adirondacks and in Boston. In his few years of retirement, he realized a lifelong dream of building wooden boats.

Peter was born and raised in Marshfield, Massachusetts, graduating from Marshfield High School in 1965. He moved to Boston, where he ran a bookstore and played in several bands, before beginning his career as a cabinetmaker. He moved to Westport, NY in the early 70's where his son was born and then returned to Boston. In 1989, he returned to the North Country with his wife and settled in Elizabethtown, where he built a house and set up his shop in the barn on the property.

When he wasn't in the shop, he was out in the woods on his land, with his chainsaw and tractor. Walking in the woods daily with his dog and sometimes also with one of his cats, it was the trees that he noticed, pointing out what they were and which would be good ones for turning into logs and then boards for custom doors or windows.

Peter's Alzheimer's gradually took him away and a few years ago he became a resident of Horace Nye/Essex Center, receiving excellent care from the dedicated and devoted staff of that facility.

He is survived by his wife, Carla Hendrix and his son, Sam Cecil Zielinski. His life will be celebrated with a small family service at home.

In Lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the North Country SPCA, where Peter volunteered walking dogs and where he adopted all of his pets.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Marvin-Heald Funeral Home, 7521 Court Street,
Elizabethtown.

To light a memorial candle or leave an online condolence please visit www.healdfuneralhomeinc.com

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Dear Carla,

I was sorry to hear of Peter's passing. He was a fabulous woodworker and a dear friend--a friend I sadly saw too little of in recent years.

Peter was by far the most talented woodworker I have ever had the pleasure of working with. I always enjoyed visits to his realm in the barn-- often long visits--, and seeing what he was up to. Over the years, he crafted many fine doors, stair cases and a lot of specialty mill work for our company and clients. Our own house has cabinet doors that he made.

But, most treasured of all is a one-off Stickleley chair and stool that he crafted for me years ago out of quarter sawn White Oak. It adorns our living room, and is much admired by all. I had to twist his arm pretty hard to make it, as he kept telling me he was not a furniture maker. In typical Peter fashion, he wanted no plans, but generated his own exquisite take on that timeless design. And, when I picked it up, he made me swear I would never tell anyone that he had built it!

Sincere condolences, and best wishes to your and Sam,

Steve Amstutz

Steve Amstutz - March 14, 2016 at 12:01 PM

SG

“ Dear Carla and Sam,

We were so sorry to hear of Peter's passing. We remember the nights in Cambridge when the guys played music. Each room of our house has a piece for furniture that Peter built. He truly was a renaissance man with a gentle way. We will miss him.

Susan and John gunther - March 14, 2016 at 10:36 AM

MM

“ Dear Carla - So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you here in Feinberg. Sincere condolences and best wishes always.

Mark Mastrean - March 07, 2016 at 11:04 AM

DT

“ *Carla, I'm so sorry to hear of Peter's passing. I hope you and Sam can find peace.*

Diane Trombly - March 07, 2016 at 06:49 AM

MH

“ *Though the miles and quick passage of the years meant we couldn't visit together as often as I would've liked, I always enjoyed Peter's company and I will miss him very much.*

Mark Hendrix - March 05, 2016 at 11:33 PM

LJ

“ *Carla, I am saddened to hear of Peter's death. He was one of a kind and a true child of the 60s. I was honored to stand up for you on your wedding day and though I haven't seen you or Peter for a long time, I often think of you both. It is difficult for those left behind but I am convinced that he has been released from the prison of his mind and is enjoying the joy of the hereafter. Sincere condolences.*

Linda Jackson - March 05, 2016 at 12:55 PM

CL

“ *Carla, We think of Peter often when we look at the beautiful crafted pieces of furniture he made for us. May his memory be a blessing. Cerise and Laurence*

Cerise & Laurence - March 05, 2016 at 07:27 AM