



Peter Goering

September 23, 1948 - February 10, 2009

Peter W. Goering, Jr., 60, Topeka, passed away on February 7, 2009, at home with his family after a courageous two year battle with lung cancer. He was born to Peter and Mary (Henderson) Goering on September 23, 1948, in Goessel, Kansas. Pete was in the last graduating class of Lehigh High School. He attended Bethel College for two years before transferring to Kansas State University. He graduated with a BA in Journalism in 1970. He began his career working at the Menninger Foundation for two years before accepting a job as a sportswriter for The Topeka Capital-Journal in 1973. He covered college sports for many years before being named Assistant Sports Editor in 1981. In 1990, he became Sports Editor, a position he held until being named Managing Editor in 1996. During his time in Sports, Pete was named Kansas Sportswriter of the Year five times. He served as the Capital Journal's Executive Editor, continuing to write his sports and news column until his health declined, leading to his retirement in September 2008. He received the Clyde M. Reed Jr. Master Editor Award from the Kansas Press Association in April 2008 for lifetime achievement in the newspaper industry. Goering is survived by his wife of 30 years, Diane, two daughters, Debbie Redd and husband Ryan, Topeka, Elizabeth Goering, Topeka, and one son, Brett Goering, Dana Point, California. Two grandsons, Quinton and Boman Redd, Topeka. Two sisters, Deanne Duerksen, Hillsboro, Kansas, and twin sister Peggy Goering-Kuck of Pacific Grove, California. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 10, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic

Church, followed by a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. A Christian funeral service will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Topeka. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Washburn Athletic Department and Christ the King Catholic Church sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Goering*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. I too am one of the "Goertz" girls from Lehigh and have many fond memories of the Goerings....from church to basketball and fun times with Peggy. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Grace

Grace Goertz Hagen - February 14, 2009 at 12:59 PM



“ *To Pete's family,
My sincerest sympathies to all of you. I was from Lehigh, one of the Goertz girls. My brother David played basket ball with Pete, and I was in the crowd cheering the team on. It's hard to loose someone before we think we should, and I pray that you will feel comfort in this time of sadness.*

Eddie Schultz - February 13, 2009 at 06:03 PM

JF

“ Goering Family - I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I hope you will find comfort in the wonderful memories you had with Pete and the joy he brought to your lives.

Brett - please let me know if there is anything I can do for you or your family.

*With sympathy,
Julie French*

Julie French - February 12, 2009 at 06:52 PM

KN

“ Diane and Family,
We are very sorry for your loss and we will keep you in our prayers for many days to come. It was so nice to be able to see Pete one last time over Thanksgiving.

Keith and Melissa Nicholson - February 12, 2009 at 03:00 PM

CP

“ Diane, Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your entire family. Pete was a great guy to our family.

Cecelia Pierson - February 12, 2009 at 09:47 AM

BA

“ Pete Goering family
David Goertz is my 'big brother' - Pete was a year younger than Dave; Peggy was a good friend to my sister, Grace. As I reflect back on the connectedness that "Lehigh" school, church and town gave, I am so thankful to having known the Goerings. You all have my sincere sympathy and prayers.

Becky Goertz Allison - February 11, 2009 at 05:17 PM

MW

“ *To the Goering Family*

Dan and I were so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. Sitting beside him at his last Washburn basketball game was indeed our pleasure. He did Love Washburn sports and will be missed at the games. Know that he is now one of God's special angels in Heaven and that we pray for your family in the days to come.

Mary Ann and Dan Wade

Mary A Wade - February 10, 2009 at 03:10 PM

KN

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your whole family is in our prayers. God bless your family. It is so hard to put in words, even though you have had time to get ready for it, it is still very hard to come to terms with. Kevin and I understand what your family is going through. God bless you.*

Kevin and Lisa Nicholson

Kevin and Lisa Nicholson - February 10, 2009 at 01:40 PM

GB

“ *Diane,
He fought the good fight. He contributed much to the reading public.
He was a pleasure to know.
My sympathy,
G. Barney Byard*

G. Barney Byard - February 10, 2009 at 10:13 AM

RR

“ Goering family –

Please be at peace knowing that Pete touched an awful lot of lives.

Mine is one because he gave me the simplest and perfect advice a long time ago when I asked him about being a sports writer when I wasn't sure it was what I wanted to do.

First he smiled and told me “What better job in the world is there than getting paid to watch sports.”

Then he told me to always put my family first, that what we covered for a living was never more important than what we had waiting for us at home.

For that and for being a great mentor, friend and an example for how to be a pro, thanks Pete. I'll miss you.

*Say hello to Quake and the Good Ol' Boy.
Randy Rosetta (Baton Rouge, LA)*

Randy Rosetta - February 09, 2009 at 07:17 PM

JK

“ *To All of Pete's family - I went to grade school and high school with Pete and his sister in Lehigh. What wonderful memories I have of playing together as kids. Pete was always the most polite, helpful, kind person and his family is the same. I'm sure his life was a blessing to all who knew him in these latter years. I will pray for the Lord's comfort for all of you. Jolene Schmidt Klassen*

Jolene Schmidt Klassen - February 09, 2009 at 04:38 PM

MW

“ *Diane and the Goering Family...Pete was a tremendous individual. I always admired him and learned a number of things from him. He was always willing to visit and share his thoughts on a wide variety of topics. He'll be greatly missed. I'm thankful I got to know him over the years. My prayers are with you.*

Matt Walters - February 09, 2009 at 12:43 PM

KB

“ *Diane and the Goering family, I am very saddened by learning of Pete's passing. Diane I know that you have always been there for my dad and our family. And we intend to do the same. I get peace in knowing that Pete is no longer suffering. And I know the same is true about my mother. It also comforts me to know that Mom was there to welcome Pete with open arms. If there is anything we can do please let us know. I would do anything for your family. And I know there will be many feelings to work through, and I know that Dad is going through them as well. I think you both should rely on each others friendship to help you through these difficult times. God bless your family.*

Kim Bogart - February 09, 2009 at 12:03 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful man your husband/father was. He made such an impression on Topeka sports inthusiasts. Take care. God Bless. Brandy Stewart(Ramage)*

Brandy Stewart(Ramage) - February 09, 2009 at 10:29 AM

HB

“ As a fellow sports writer in Kansas, Pete was an idol of mine, a man I looked up to and respected in the business and one whose friendship I will always cherish. He will be missed by all of us. To the Goering family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Harold Bechard - February 08, 2009 at 10:27 PM

RD

“ Diane and the rest of Pete's family: I was so saddened yesterday to hear of Pete's passing. Please know that you are all in my wife Sharon's and my prayers. God bless and comfort you. Rick

Rick Douglas - February 08, 2009 at 06:54 PM

BF

“ Diane and Family, so sorry for your loss. Pete was a great guy. We spent some time at Bethel College together and then kept in touch over the years through his sports coverage. I pray for God's peace to comfort you all at this time.
Bob Flickner

Bob Flickner - February 08, 2009 at 06:26 PM

SJ

“ We are relatively new to Topeka, but loved Pete's columns in the paper so much. He brought entertainment and joy to so many readers. Our son-in-law, Jeff, cleans your carpet and we were always comparing thoughts about Pete's articles. Jeff also kept us up to date during Pete's illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Sincerely, Shirley Johnson

Shirley Johnson - February 08, 2009 at 05:59 PM

BF

“ Diane,
May you be able to find peace and comfort in the days ahead as you receive the good wishes and condolences of the multitude of friends that you and Pete have accumulated over the years. I join them in saying that Pete was a great writer and a darn good guy. My earliest memories would be playing on the softball team with him and others we have lost. I am in KY watching grandchildren but wanted you to send you my best. Bob Frost

Bob Frost - February 08, 2009 at 02:34 PM

LF

“ Diane and members of Pete's family,

Words cannot adequately describe my admiration and respect for Pete, his professionalism as a journalist, his humor and his humanity. I knew him from the time he first went to work for the Capital-Journal in sports, which was three years after I arrived in Topeka as AP correspondent, through his years as executive editor.

In my lifetime, I have not known a better human being. What an amazing legacy he has left for you, his family, for the Capital-Journal and for Kansas.

My deepest condolences.

Lew Ferguson
Associated Press, retired

Lew Ferguson - February 08, 2009 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ *Diane: Curt and I were so sorry to learn of Pete's passing. We are in Arizona and will be unable to attend services. Please know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, JoAnne*

JoAnne Berkey - February 08, 2009 at 12:08 PM

LW

“ *Dear Diane and family,
Mary Lou and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family.
Pete was a very nice man and I was privileged to get to know him on a personal level in the last few years. He was always one of my favorite sports writers.
As someone who has lost a loved one to this terrible disease I can appreciate and admire
the courage and dignity that Pete and all of you exhibited during his illness.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
God bless.
Mary Lou and Lee Williams*

Lee Williams - February 08, 2009 at 11:15 AM

RH

“ *Diane, I'm so sorry to hear about Pete. You and your family are in my thoughts. Rhonda*

Rhonda Haskin - February 08, 2009 at 10:19 AM

KS

“ *Diane,*

We are so very sorry for your loss. We are in Florida this month on vacation and will miss the funeral, but we will be thinking of you on Wednesday.

May God bless you and bring you peace.

Ken & Marlys

Ken & Marlys Strobel - February 08, 2009 at 10:11 AM