



Peter John Dolby

May 13, 1932 - October 11, 2016

Peter John Dolby Peter passed away on October 11th at age 84 on a beautiful fall day with a view of Lake Norman at his home while he was surrounded by love and support from his wife and three daughters. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer only two months earlier. Peter was born May 13, 1932 in Oakham, the county town of England's smallest county, Rutland. After parochial school, he enjoyed studying for seven years at the renowned Oakham School as a local scholar, then gained his degree in chemistry from Leeds University. He served in the British Army's Royal Corps of Signals stationed in Germany, where he learned to sail on Drummer Lake. In 1955, he joined Imperial Chemical Industries in Manchester, England as a textile color chemist and moved with his work to the US in 1961. Janet Holloway of Lichfield, England and Peter met while sailing on Lake Windermere and were married just prior to departure for Providence, RI where the first of their three girls, Jennifer, was born in 1962. When the textile business moved south, Peter was promoted to lab manager and transferred to ICI's new Charlotte, NC plant where he worked for over 35 years. Sarah and Josie were both born in Charlotte. Peter's interests were in sailing, tennis, and bridge. He was a Commodore of Lake Norman Yacht Club in its formative years and a vestry leader in St. Martin's Episcopal Church. After consulting on a world-wide basis for a decade or more, the family retired to Lake Norman in Mooresville, NC where he remained a competitive sailor, active member of LNYC, and avid bridge player. In retirement he decided to prove that the county of Rutland

was the center of the civilized world since many world leaders and events had local associations. He wrote the book to prove it called, It's a Small World. He is survived by Janet and his daughters: Jennifer Dolby of San Diego, CA and her daughter Chelsea (7); Sarah Woods of Baltimore, MD and her sons Peter (20) and Andrew Benjamin (17); and Josie and Frank Delker of Carlsbad, CA and children Emma (14) and Marcus (12). A celebration and thanksgiving of Peter's life will be held on Saturday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (164 Fairview Road, Mooresville, NC 28117) with an informal reception immediately following at Lake Norman Yacht Club (297 Yacht Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117). In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation in Peter's name to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (c/o The Rev. Dr. Sally Brower) or Lake Norman Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program (c/o Ken Corsig, 1642 Hertford Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207).

Tribute Wall



“ *Peter John Dolby*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Peter John Dolby*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Peter John Dolby*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Peter was loved and respected by all our Brackenbury neighbors. His personality was so sparkling and contagious! I tried to attend his service today, but couldn't without Laura here to help me. My sincere condolences to Janet and the girls. Wish so much I could have seen you! Love you all!! Peggy White*

Peggy White - November 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peter hired me to work in the Charlotte Dye Lab and brought me to Charlotte in 1975. I was young and relatively inexperienced but he nurtured me along and inspired me many times even after I left ICI. What a happy warrior he was. I am grateful to have known him. We are all blessed to have known him. Janet and family you are in my prayers.*

Hank Bateman - November 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Peter was really a great guy. We know he is with the Lord

Barry Cox - November 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I have so many wonderful memories of this terrific man. I am grateful that I knew him, and very much appreciate how he always treated me like part of the family. My love and hugs to the whole Dolby clan.

Kim Prann - November 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Peter Dolby for many years at ICI Americas in Charlotte. He was a great man to work with. He will surely be missed. His family is certainly in my thoughts and prayers

November 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ He was a wonderful, good, and kind man. He will be missed and he will always be remembered.

Deborah Bruce - October 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Peter lived a life in the true spirit of Christ: always finding the best in all people and treating everyone with mercy, respect and love. Devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren, Peter treasured sailing on his beloved Lake Norman. Peter left an eternal wake on that water of love, kindness and compassion for all that will continue to touch and inspire those who were blessed to know him. God has brought home a faithful servant and true gentleman. How lucky we are that God shared Peter with us for so many joyous years.

Andrew Woods - October 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ I joined ICI after Peter but knew him well. We were asked to share a lecture course at Rochdale Tec. UK. He did the dyes and I the fibres. When he left to join ICI Americas I took over his part and purchased his A35 van with seats in the back. I only met Peter again a couple of times on visits to USA. A lovely man I am sad - all my love to his family. Ian Burnett

Ian Burnett - October 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I was saddened to hear of Peter's passing.I am sorry for your loss.My career with ICI was just starting when Peter had just retired. We only met on a few times but his knowledge of the dyestuff industry and the US market was very helpful to me. I often wondered how or why the perfect English Gent worked in the US for so long. I and my other colleges from Blackley will miss him. We have all lost one of our mentors.

Mike Bradbury - October 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. May the God who gives hope fill you with all joy and peace by your trusting in Him. Rom. 15:13

October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Peter Dolby bailed me out many times at ICI and and I'll always appreciate that and his lessons in chemistry. I'll miss his smiling face and story telling.And wish Janet and the girls all smiles when talking about Peter..

Bill Herrington - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am sorry for your loss, I did not know Peter that well, it's been a long time also. I live in Fla. Now.

Debbie Spurrier - October 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I am so saddened to learn of Peter's death and struggle with pancreatic cancer. I have many times been Peter's opponent at the bridge table at Lake Norman or Charlotte. Peter was always such a gentleman with a wonderful accent to boot. What a smart charming man. So sorry for your loss!

Reid Campbell - October 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM