



Pete Akin

March 26, 1952 - June 4, 2021

Peter J. “Pete” Akin passed away Friday, June 4, 2021 after a brief illness. He was born in Hartford, March 26, 1952 to William C. and Eileen (O’Donnell) Akin. Pete was raised in West Hartford alongside his older sister Christine and brother Jim.

Pete attended West Hartford schools and graduated from Northwest Catholic High School in 1970. From an early age, the phrase “...to the beat of a different drum” aptly described Pete’s approach to life.

Pete was a talented artist. He was skilled with a jackknife and would delight young cousins, god children, and his nieces & nephew’s with his handiwork. Faces carved in apples that were left to dry in the sun, shriveling and contorting into grotesque expressions, or pumpkins festooned with broccoli ears and eggplant noses were favorite creations. Often, he would appear around a holiday (but never on it) bearing some detailed creation he had spent a lot of time on. One Easter, he arrived with a couple dozen eggs, that had been drained through a pin-hole, then painted in a kaleidoscope of wonderful colors.

He a wicked sense of humor and a gift for making people feel good about the time they spent with him. Because he never had a phone or email, encounters with Pete were usually unexpected or by happenstance. But if you did run into

him, usually walking down the street somewhere (no car either) he would greet you warmly and spend as long as you had time laughing, reminiscing, and perhaps introducing you to something you'd never thought of. Invariably, you'd leave those visits feeling good about something and thinking how much you'd enjoy seeing him again.

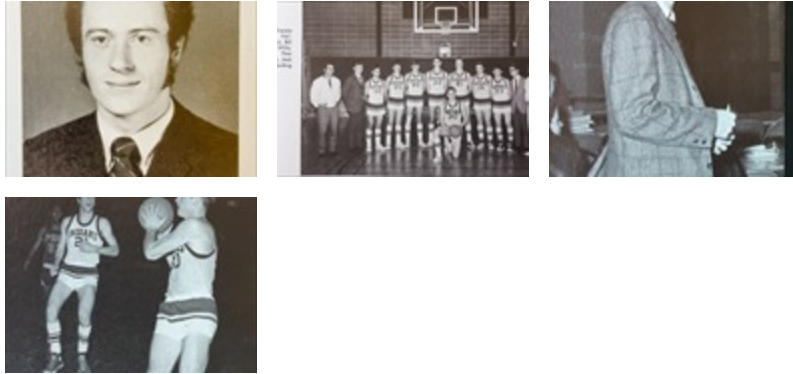
Pete was predeceased by his parents and sister, Christine Akin of Hartford. He is survived by his brother James Akin and his wife Eileen Brewer-Akin of West Hartford, and his nephews and nieces; Wiley, Patrick, James, Olivia, and Audrey Akin. The family would like to thank his landlord, Elvis Rodriguez and his wife for the kindness and respect with which they treated him during the last few years.

A private burial will be held by the family. Arrangements are being handled by Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Mary Lesiczka Segall - June 24, 2021 at 11:47 AM

MS

“ I am very sorry to hear of Peter's passing. He was in a lot of my classes at NWCH. When I was on the yearbook team, everyone loved this picture of Peter being surprised by the yearbook photographer in the cafeteria. He was smart, sweet, and funny. Here are some other pictures of Peter on the basketball team from 1970.

With fond memories,
Mary Lesiczka Segall



Mary Lesiczka Segall - June 24, 2021 at 11:10 AM

AJ

“ Dear Jim and Eileen, I was so sorry to hear of Peter’s passing I have man fond memories of him as a young NWC student who was picked up by the vice-principal every day in the old “Black Bomber” which was rusting out which meant Peter was hit in the back of his head with mud on a rainy day. Always reminded Bob of those rides. However, my fondest memories are the letters from Peter when he was in Greece. They were so vivid, that I could see the country as if I was there myself. I know he is at peace now and probably philosophizing with Bob. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ann Johnson-Bly

Ann Johnson-Bly - June 16, 2021 at 01:12 PM

FB

“ My old friend Peter,a master with his hands.Forging US Currency with a pencil and a piece of paper. What a wonderful friend, I wish we could of "bumped" into each other.God Bless all that knewPeter.

Frank Burgess - June 16, 2021 at 12:06 AM

TM

“ Dear Jim, & Family:

So sorry, to hear of Peter's passing. I really didn't know Peter, but always hoped that he'd be OK, in the long run. I lost my brother, Kevin, at the age of 59, and then (of course) came Dick Fairbrother, and Jack Phelan. How sad, and unfortunate. I hope the Good Lord is taking good care of Peter, and God Bless all of you.

Tom McGuire

Tom McGuire - June 14, 2021 at 12:36 PM

BS

“ Jim, Eileen....I'm sorry to hear of Pete's death. I remember Pete and Rod Gallagher coming to our house and shooting baskets in our driveway with my brother. As described, always smiling, easy-going. He was one of the few friends of Jerry's that didn't pick on me. He and Rod are now reunited.

Brian Steeves - June 11, 2021 at 11:32 AM

CD

Dear Jim and Eileen:

This makes me very sad and we extend our deepest sympathies. I can only imagine how difficult this is...

My love for you, Jim, and your entire family goes back to when we were next door neighbors and I was 7 years old on Mountain Road. You and Petey used to bombard my sister, Debi and I with crabapples! Although we only were neighbors for three years, our parents continued the closeness by getting together on New Years Eve. The memories are special to me. Petey and I were good friends as kids. I lost touch with him over the years but he always has held a special spot in my heart and always will.

Again, we are so sorry for this difficult loss of such a unique and special man.

Much love; Cindi and Mike DeMeo

Cindi & Mike DeMeo - June 11, 2021 at 01:08 PM

SA

Dear Jim , Eileen and family. My deepest sympathy at the loss of your brother Pete. The write up of him was beautiful. From our NWC years. I remember him as a gentle quiet and kind guy. I enjoyed watching him play basketball or talking to him in the hallways . May be be at peace and may you be consoled with the memories you have of him.

Sally Scully '77

Sally - June 12, 2021 at 09:10 AM

JS

“ Dear Jim, Eileen, and family, I was saddened to hear of Pete's passing. Although I did not really know him, he sounds as if he was someone that brought joy and pleasure into many people's lives. Jim, In December I also lost my younger brother to a long illness and I share in your sorrow and loss. Brothers that grow up close in age share so much in life and certainly leave a significant emptiness in death. I know that you have so many interesting memories and stories about Pete to share and I encourage you to do just that. His spirit will remain with you and hopefully bring a smile to your face as memories arise. I wish that I was able to share these thoughts with you in person but time and distance make that impossible.
Sincerely, John Shukie NWC Retired Baltimore, MD

John Shukie - June 10, 2021 at 02:31 PM

CH

“ Jim,
Your description of the typical ":chance meeting" with Peter on the street somewhere was spot on. He ALWAYS left your laughing and remembering some good times that were shared. And he NEVER would take a ride anywhere....seemed against his nature. Our prayers and condolences are with you and your family at this time. He definitely was one of a kind.

Sincerely,
The Chuck Harding Family

Chuck Harding - June 10, 2021 at 09:57 AM

MS

“ Jim I was very sorry to read about the passing of your brother this morning. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Michael Sayers.

Michael Sayers - June 10, 2021 at 08:25 AM

CM

“ *Pete was a funny son-of-a-gun, I used to run into him when I lived in the West End, he will be missed, a great guy.*

Chris McCormack

Chris McCormack - June 10, 2021 at 06:40 AM

CM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Chris Molloy - June 09, 2021 at 02:27 PM