



Pete Resch

January 9, 1958 - May 19, 2005

Peter Jay Resch was born on January 9, 1958 to Thomas and Bonnie (Witthuhn) Resch at the Wesley Hospital in Wadena. Pete passed away on Thursday evening, May 19, at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena at the age of 47 years. On October 25, 1985, Pete married Donna Mae Zutter at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena. Pete has been an officer with the Wadena Police Department for the past 15 years and served as the WDC D.A.R.E. officer for the past 14 years. He was an active member of this community. Pete enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, antiques, and horses. Pete is preceded in death by his father, Tom; step father, Norbert Kuehne; brother-in-law, Bruce Zutter; grandfather, Howard Witthuhn; great grandmother, Cora Leete; father-in-law, Raymond Zutter; and uncle, Roy Colby. Pete is survived by his wife, Donna; mother, Bonnie (Jesse) Marcyes of Clarissa; grandmother, Hazel Witthuhn of Wadena; daughters, Sarah (Cory) Pettit of Wadena and Genna Resch of Wadena; sons, Justin (Nina) Resch of Wadena and Shane Skarka of Maple Grove; grandchildren, Summer and Dylan; brothers, Steve Resch of Miles City, MT, Greg Resch of Wadena, and Jim Resch; and uncles, Bob Resch of Half Moon Bay, CA and Phil Resch of New Hope. View this Videotribute

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Pete had a truly great personality- He was a people person and a friend to everyone. Never saw Pete without a smile on his face.*

David Tordsen - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *I WILL MISS HIM*

MONTE ALBIN - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Every time Pete came into the clinic, he would stop and talk to us at the insurance desk. He always had a smile on his jolly face and always lifted our spirits. He will be missed.*

TOMI AND KEN HAMILTON - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *He was a great guy! He will always be in our hearts. We just have to remember it's not good bye...it's I'll see you some day!*

Laura Paulson - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *just to let you know that you are in our thoughts and cant imagine the hurt you are feeling. Pete was a good person and he has touched so many lives including ours. The kids loved him and he was always good talking with them and showed he cared. He will be missed.....*

betsy and devin sunstrom - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ We remember when Pete was an officer in Verndale. He would stop by our home upon occasion and visit while sitting in front of our aquarium. After the calming effects of the aquarium had done it's job he would say, "well now I can go back out there".
We loved Pete and we know that he did great things for the youth in the area. His infectious smile and can do attitude will be missed.
God Bless.

Lee & Linda Tarrell - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are so saddened by the loss of Pete. I will always remeber his smiling face and gentle nature. He gave so much to the community, and was an all around great person. My thoughts and prayers go out to Donna and his children, family, and the Wadena Police Department. He will be greatly missed. If you need help with anything Donna, just call. Robin

Robin McClure - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Pete will be greatly missed...ive known him for many years. I used to be a waitress at the Copper Kettle Cafe and used to enjoy hearing his laughter and stories.

Sue and Bill White and family - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Pete will be greatly missed

Jerome and Stella Uselman - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Pete was a great person and he will be missed.

Dan and Maggie Savaloja - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Pete was a great influence on the kids in this community. My son Cody was fortunate enough to have him in the DARE program this year and was very sad when he heard the news. He will be greatly missed. Your family is in our thoughts!

Meladee, Cody & Chris Wain - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I know Pete thru dealing with accident claims thru our office.

I also knew him thru Lane Waldahl, who is my cousin. Saw Pete at his childrens' graduation parties. Also saw him uptown coming and going when we went to coffee from our office.

Pete always had a smile on his face or was laughing. I am stunned at his death and will miss him greatly.

Deanna Lietz - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ What a great individual!!

We knew him as a classmate of our son, Nick. We also knew him as a police officer in the Wadena Police Department when I served as a city councilmember and as Mayor of Wadena.

He was so highly regarded by everyone.

Our sincere sympathy to the entire family.

James

James & Marion Lundquist - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pete will be greatly missed. His kind and fun loving personality. I ran into Pete a couple of summer's ago. We both enjoy antiques. I loved our chat. I hope his children will always remember his gift of life and kindness to be past on to others.

Pete will now meet by son, Cory, who died in a car accident in 96. Heaven again will be a brighter place. God Bless all of you during this difficult time.

Lt. Gene Ziegenhagen (Ret.) - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Pete's Family:

Dee and I are saddened by Pete's passing. What a great contribution he made to this community.

Both our boys went through his DARE program.....I will always Pete's smile, his good humor, his part in the fake shooting. I always knew just how proud he was of his family...How much he loved all of you. He could tell a family story at the drop of hat...and it lifted his spirit to brag on all of you a little.

Dee and I are better people because we knew Pete.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in you time of need.

Dan and Dee Skogen

Dan Skogen - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ pete was a very good cop in wadena the always helped people out on the good days and there bad days. he always made time to stop and talk to people when he was on duty just to say hi and to see if everyone was ok and then he went on his way to contuine his job. he will be missed by everyone in the town of wadena.i wish you and your family the best in the future. and your family will be in my familys prayers.

mary rottelo - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM