



## Peter Frecchio,

January 26, 1961 - January 26, 2013

Peter Paul Frecchio, Jr., 52, of Norway, died Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at his home. He was born on July 23, 1960 in Norway, the son of the late Charlotte E. (Smail) and Peter P. Frecchio, Sr.

Peter graduated from Norway High School in 1978. He received his Bachelors Degree in Political Science /History and Mass Communications from Northern Michigan University in 1982.

He worked at various radio stations in Michigan and Pennsylvania. His happiest times were when he was on the radio, talking over the airwaves to his many listeners. He loved music, especially Rock and Roll, and his favorite artists were the Beatles and Elvis. Peter was a master of trivia and enjoyed playing Trivial Pursuit, earning the nickname "the Wizard". He followed politics and loved to get into a great debate. He was known for his sense of humor and being a good friend to all who knew him. He was proud of his Italian Heritage, and learned to speak Italian as an adult. Peter enjoyed eating a good pasty and following the Green Bay Packers. Peter loved animals and will be missed by his dog "Princess".

He was a member of the the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kingsford

Peter is survived by his sister Peggy (Harry) Miller of Mesa, AZ, two aunts Marge Hodgins of Kingsford and Carol Trudell of Negaunee, a nephew Ryan (Sunday) Miller and their children Eden and Shephard, a niece Melanie Miller, and many cousins and dear friends.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

Donations in Peter's memory can be made to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 218, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Condolences to the family of Peter Paul Frecchio, Jr. may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CN

“Pete was a tremendous joy to be in the company of both at NMU and during the course of the years. I am thankful to Facebook because it enabled us to reconnect. Pete was someone real, and nice, welcoming, warm and inviting, and would captivate me by his humor especially in politics and I marveled at his admiration for President Ronald Reagan. I will miss him dearly and sad to not have had the chance to say goodbye.

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**Curt L. Tucker - Saginaw, MI - Friend and roommates at NMU.** - February 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“Love ya, big guy!

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**Rhonda Serafini** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“Being from Norway my Whole life everyone NEW PETE...RIP !!! :)  
GONNA MISS SEEING YOUR POST ON FACEBOOK !!  
CINDY DEAU

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**Cindy Deau** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My condolence to the Frecchio family. I met Pete when he worked for a local paper. I admired his ability to get out and find a news story and follow it from start to finish. Pete would stop by the fire station on a regular basis. It was nice to see Pete as he always brought a smile to your face. Pete never left you guessing how he felt about an issue. Me being from Philadelphia, we would kid each other about Pennsylvania. My fondest memory of Pete is when I made Philly cheesesteaks for lunch one day. Pete came over to the station at lunch time and as a group we all sat around the table and discussed just about every issue under the sun. At the end of lunch as he was leaving, he looked me eye to eye and shook my hand thanking me for lunch. I could tell he enjoyed that hour just as much as we did. We missed Pete when he no longer came to the station, and we will truly miss him now. Pete will always be remembered. R.I.P. Pete my friend!

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**John de Bidart - Iron Mountain, MI** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I met Pete five yrs ago. In the beginning it was just a caregiving jjob, but Pete stole my heart with his wit and quick responses. I stayed with Pete to assist him after his county assistance gave up. It was the best decision I ever made. Pete was not just a "client", he was also my best friend. When I would go to his house he could always tell when I was in a "rut" or in the dumps and was always right on it to cheer me up or remind me that things would get better. Pete had a heart of gold and for that I will never forget him. I didn't just take care of him, he took care of me also. He filled the empty spaces in my world. He encouraged me with school, and was always there when I had problems with my kids. I miss him so much already. Pete is not feeling the pain and suffering he was before...for that I am thankful! I lost a true friend...Love you Pete!!!

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**Lisa Buchko - Norway, MI - friend and helper** - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I met Pete through Facebook in the summer of 2011. I was instrumental in Pete joining our team, Groovy Reflections, on Facebook. For a year and a half we chatted nearly every day, excepting those days when Pete was in the hospital.

We had so much in common. Sports, Beatles, trivia, rock & roll, old TV shows. I felt like I knew Pete my whole life. I am deeply saddened by his passing. However, I know he is in a better place, free of his earthly pain and suffering.

When my time is up, Pete is one of the folks I'll be looking for "over yonder" as Carl Perkins put it.

Joe Haller

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Joe Haller - Monroe, NY - Friend - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I met Pete in September 1981 at radio station WDMJ in Marquette. Pete made me feel welcomed to the U.P. I was the new guy at the station working nights and Pete worked part time on weekends while attending Northern Michigan University. Pete would refer to me as "The Troll Under The Bridge" because I was from the Detroit area. We loved the Beatles and other artists. I would visit him on the weekends while Pete was on the air. When ever I saw him I laughed from his jokes and humor.

In December 1982 I left WDMJ to take a position at WQON in Grayling, Michigan. Little did I know that would have been the last time I would see him. For many years I lost contact with him until two years ago I found Pete on Facebook. We would contact each other every month and talk about the old times.

I knew Pete had health problems and was hoping he would come through, but God didn't want Pete to suffer anymore. Pete is in a better place and knowing Pete ..... he's working at W - H E A V E N. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Dave Barr - Roscommon, MI - EX Co-Worker and Friend** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I had the opportunity to know Pete years ago at WDBC in Escanaba when I was in Junior Achievement. His passion for radio and music was instantly recognizable and infectious. It was a pleasure to know him and a privledge to know him as a fellow broadcaster and music fan. My condolences to his family and friends.

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**Mike Rowland - Appleton, WI - Friend** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I only knew Pete from Facebook. It was our love of music and The Beatles that had drawn us together and through the page Groovy Reflections. I always enjoyed Pete's quick wit and sense of humor and we commented on each other's posts often!

*Just by conversing with him on this social network, I could tell that he would've been the type of person I would have wanted to know in real life! He exuded such a gentle spirit. His presence his very much missed!*

*All my sympathies to his family and friends!*

*Sincerely,*

*Judi Calamare*

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**Judith Calamare - Fitchburg, MA - FaceBook Friends** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Please accept my condolences on this great loss.

*Growing up in Norway, Peter was my first childhood friend on Mine Street.*

*Upon his return to Norway, we were friends through middle and high school and kept up over the years through college, and beyond. My family and I enjoyed visiting him in Iron Mountain, complete with station tour and a fine lunch.*

*I will miss my old friend.....*

*Allan Huntley, and family*

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**Allan Huntley - Bartlett, TN - friend** - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM