



Mr. Peter Cooper Oppenheimer

August 7, 1946 - September 6, 2014

Peter Cooper Oppenheimer, 68, of Weaverville passed away after severe trauma sustained from a biking accident, on Saturday September 6, 2014 at the Memorial Campus of Mission Hospital .

Born in Far Rockaway, NY, Peter was the son of Joseph and Diane Spielberg Oppenheimer and brother to Kenneth Oppenheimer and Paula Friedman.

Before settling in Weaverville, NC in 2005, Peter lived with his wife and family in Coral Springs, FL. A veteran of the United States Army and Army Reserves, Peter had a long career as a Commercial Real Estate broker in NY, FL and NC.

An outdoor enthusiast he enjoyed biking, fishing, hiking , swimming, golfing, skiing and most recently RV'ing. He also enjoyed music, woodworking, cooking and philanthropic endeavors in the community. Peter was a member of Congregation Beth HaTephila.

Peter is survived by his wife of 45 years, Janet Oppenheimer; a daughter, Debra Lawrence; two sons, Robert and Aaron Oppenheimer; and four grandchildren, Samantha Lawrence, Ethan Lawrence, Liam Oppenheimer and Ezra Oppenheimer.

A funeral service will be held at 12:30pm on Monday September 8, 2014 at Temple Beth HaTephila, 43 North Liberty Street, Asheville, with Rabbi Batsheva Meiri officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, 53 Birch Street, Asheville.

Expressions of sympathy in Peter's memory may be directed to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or the Live Strong Foundation.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family through the website, www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Peter Cooper Oppenheimer*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Just got news of Peter's death. Even though we haven't talked in years, it feels like only yesterday that we shared fond memories of college and the rock band days. My condolences to all of the family.*
Bruce

Bruce Whitehouse - October 18, 2016 at 09:24 PM

RS

“ Dear Janet,

I am writing to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the recent passing your dear husband, Peter. At the time of such sorrow it is my prayer that you can find much comfort from our Jewish faith. Through it all, may you find strength, courage and hope through the good memories of Peter which will never fade.

The deep void and heartache with which you are now confronted in the passing of your husband is unimaginable, those we hold most dear never really leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into your life.

It has been many years, I remember your involvement with the Coral Springs Jewish Community and the Hanukah Festivals in Mullins Park.

May Peter's memory be for a blessing in time to come.

Sincerely,

*Lawrence M. Schuval, Rabbi
reblarry@gmail.com*

Rabbi Lawrence M Schuval - September 28, 2014 at 12:00 PM

RR

“ Janet, I am still in disbelief of the news of Peter's passing. Only knowing Peter for a short time, I wish our paths had crossed much sooner and I could have enjoyed his friendship much longer. You are in my thoughts and prayers! I am so sorry for your loss. Russ Roberson

Russ Roberson - September 20, 2014 at 10:32 AM

JO

“ Thank you all for your comments, memories. and expressions of love and support.
Janet.

Janet Oppenheimer - September 15, 2014 at 04:25 AM

KS

“ Dear Kenny, I was shocked and saddened when I heard the news about your brother. My heart goes out to you and the entire Oppenheimer family. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Ken Stern - September 12, 2014 at 09:07 PM

SO

“ Dear Janet and family,
I am so saddened to hear of your loss. May you feel the love and support of those around you during this painful time

stephanie onel - September 12, 2014 at 06:36 PM

JE

“ *Dear Janet & Family,
I am so sorry and deeply saddened to learn of Peters untimely passing.
My parents, Jane & Eddie Russnow were very found of you, Peter & the entire Oppenheimer family. I have so many wonderful memories of Grandma Rose, Aunt Diane, Uncle Joe, Kenny, Peter, & Paula. We were very close family friends & some of my fondest memories were spent with them, on their boat, skiing in Vermont , & Montauk. Mom & Dad were always raving about how beautiful Debra was. Please know that my thoughts & prayers are with you & your family during this very difficult time.
Affectionately,
Jodi Russnow Epstein
(Daughter in law of Eleanor & Eddie Epstein from Boca)*

Jodi Russnow Epstein - September 12, 2014 at 03:04 PM

KA

“ *Janet and the rest of the Oppenheimer family: I am so sorry to hear about Peter's accident and passing. I hope you will find comfort in your memories and your love for Peter and each other. My deepest condolences. Kristie Aylett*

Kristie Aylett - September 12, 2014 at 09:29 AM

DH

“ Janet,

We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your husband, Peter. We were fortunate enough to know Peter as a real estate broker AND a kind, compassionate human being. We share our thoughts and sympathy with you during this time.

Derek & Leah Hoffman

Derek Hoffman - September 12, 2014 at 09:24 AM



JK

“ Janet and family,

Bonnie and I send our deepest sympathy. So sorry for you loss.

Bonnie and Jon Kaye

JON KAYE - September 12, 2014 at 08:34 AM

KP

“ Janet and family - I am shocked and heartbroken to hear of this tragic news. I know how much you guys enjoyed your adventures together. Perhaps someday you will find comfort knowing that he was active and doing what he loved, being outdoors, with the wind in his face. Rest easy now, Peter. Peace to you, Janet. I'm thinking of you.

Kathi Petersen - September 12, 2014 at 08:03 AM

AE

“ I was really sadden to hear of Peters accident. I sure liked bing with guys at the Dolphins games and Club Socials. I did my 1st half marathon with you Janet in Virginia Beach. Thats when I met you both. And Aaron did such a great job painting or house. Again, I am very sorry for your loss.

Andy Espey - September 10, 2014 at 04:41 PM

EC

“ Ellen Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Peter Cooper Oppenheimer



Ellen Clark - September 09, 2014 at 07:19 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Peter Cooper Oppenheimer.



September 08, 2014 at 12:14 PM

BE

“ I got to know Peter on our Costa Rica trip with the Rabbi. He was very kind and caring. He made our trip fun with lots of facts and information. He is a sweet soul who will be missed. Much love to you Janet! Beth Eckstein

Beth Eckstein - September 08, 2014 at 01:23 AM

SJ

“ Hi Oppenheimer Family,
I just found out about Peter's passing and am in shock. My heart goes out to all of you. I have known you all for over 30 years and have such fond memories of Peter. Debbie, I wish I could be with you now. My love and prayers are with you all.
Love, Susan and Kurt

Susan Johnson - September 07, 2014 at 09:09 PM

JJ

“ Only a brief time to know Peter, but what an impression he left! He was, no doubt, "all in" to living life and enjoying friends and family. Everything was like a new day that he wanted to enjoy to the fullest. Although competitive, he was also a kind and caring person who took time to share with everyone around him. His great big smile will live on in all our memories. One of my fondest memories was watching him select just the right Airstream and his efforts to champion that new adventure.

Our prayers and support are with you!

Jessie Johnson

Jessie Johnson - September 07, 2014 at 04:13 PM

BK

“ To the entire Oppenheimer Family:

One of my fondest and funniest times with Peter was when we were playing golf at Sugarbush. We were young and I had not experienced a golf course of this difficulty.

I lost all of the golf balls I brought, plus all the ones Peter had, except the one he was playing with. We alternated shots until I lost that one in the forest and called it a day.

Bill Kantrowitz

Bill Kantrowitz - September 07, 2014 at 10:20 AM

MP

“ To the Oppenheimer Family: I was so sad to hear of the loss of Peter. I have been good friends with Janet for 10+ years, and have enjoyed seeing her Facebook posts of her many outdoor excursions with Peter, including biking and hiking, in addition to our catch up runs when she is in Florida. What a tragic loss this is. Please know that I am thinking of you. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.



Martha Pattberg

Martha Pattberg - September 07, 2014 at 08:48 AM