



Peter Douglas Croyle

October 30, 1960 - February 9, 2025

Peter Douglas Croyle, formerly of North Judson, Indiana, passed away on February 9 at Parkview Hospital in Kendallville, Indiana, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was born October 30, 1960 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Paul and Kay Croyle, long-time residents of North Judson, now living in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Peter graduated from North Judson-San Pierre High School in 1979 and from the University of Virginia in 1983, where he was a member of the Jefferson Society. He then attended graduate school at American University in Washington, D.C., after which he embarked on his career in the travel industry, planning tours, leading tours and giving enrichment lectures on board cruise ships all over the world. He especially enjoyed his 12 trips to Antarctica. He was a master scuba diver and went diving around the world, including the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. He was a volunteer tour guide instructor in Vietnam for young English-speaking Vietnamese. He also liked to play golf and was fortunate to get to play at St. Andrews and Pebble Beach, among many other courses. He always managed to be back in Indiana the last week in May to go to the Indianapolis 500. Last May was his 50th race. Peter had a wonderful and adventurous life.

He is survived by his parents, Paul and Kay Croyle, his brother John (Julie) of Ellenton, Florida, his niece Cameron Gibson (Tierra) of Warsaw, Indiana, and many friends around the world. He was preceded in death by his brother Andrew, and his grandparents Howard L. and Esther Weninger of North

Judson and Chauncey and Hazel Croyle of Union City, Indiana.

A Celebration of Life may be scheduled at a later date, at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Peter (Spock) through Andrew (Yogi) whom we called Mayor at the apartment complex we all lived in McDonough GA. Spock would stop overnight on his way from Bonita Springs to Indiana. He always entertained us with his stories from travels around the world and was quick to burn us music CD"s from his vast library. Lots of live DEAD. I made 1 Indy 500 with Mayor and Crab and got to meet all the turn 3 crowd We stayed in touch texting about Indy and NASCAR. He visited me Sept 23 2023 and we laughed and reminisced. I loved all the nicknames all the friends had. I was known as Jesse. I pray for Paul D and Kay... Yogi was a great friend of mine and he had a wonderful family. that did a lot for the family and their friends. Until we meet again brother !

Ken Pierce - November 24, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sending all my love and hugs to the Croyles. I know you both were so very wonderful in always providing a loving, safe harbor for your son Peter. Peter was such a special human being whose incredibly deep heart and warmth was actually exceeded by his amazing thirst for knowledge, curiosity and an adventurous spirit. Despite our geographic differences I'm so grateful I had so many recent opportunities to speak with him on the phone during my walks through Riverside Park in New York City.*

Peter was very instrumental in helping me get my foot in the door as a lecturer on Oceania Cruises, which further opened up so many opportunities for me. Our travels would sometimes crisscross one another and we even bumped into each other at a water puppet show in Vietnam.

During covid times we rendezvoused at Indiana Dunes while driving cross country from California and he was so incredibly gracious getting our son Chase and his friend into the grandstands during the Indianapolis 500. My wife Lori and Chase also have the very warmest feelings for my extraordinary friend.

Filled with humor and wit, he recently agreed during our speculations about the next realm that he would send me an update email with his discoveries and I told him I'd be standing by to watch for it. While I haven't yet received anything from my computer, there was a mourning dove I had never seen before sitting blissfully just outside my bedroom window and it brought a real smile to my face. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

Peter Guttman - February 25, 2025 at 06:24 PM

DG

“ I met the Croyle brothers, Peter and Andrew thru youth services and church choir. I met John was a few years later; with the older hooligans, he was flipping off cars by Norwayne Field. Most people only call them by their alias, Spock, Yogi and Art(ie). Their Tales of Trip Bridge, Indy 500s, Concerts, OS Football games, brushes with fame and adventures beyond, have been Legendary! Spock's life seems like a beautiful long vacation. I tip my hat and raise my glass High, Cheers, To the smartest man in the room!

Dan Gappa - February 19, 2025 at 07:54 PM

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“ I spent some of the best times babysitting for the Croyle's children. Peter being the first born was of course a favorite of mine. He was a wonderful young man. My deepest sympathy to all the Croyles. Much love, Kathleen Pugh Robinson

KATHLEEN PUGH ROBINSON - February 15, 2025 at 12:29 PM