



## Peter Reynolds

October 26, 1946 - March 15, 2009

Peter B. Reynolds, 62, of Kankakee, died Sunday (March 15, 2009) in the emergency room at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, following a sudden illness. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. Friday until the 6 p.m. services at the Congregational United Church of Christ. The Rev. Thomas A. Zimmerman will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Reynolds had been a professor of math/computer science at the University of Illinois; Indiana University, Fort Wayne, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind., and the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was born Oct. 26, 1946, the son of Harold C. and Elizabeth B. Buck Reynolds. He received a bachelor's and master's degree in math and computer science from the University of Illinois. He assisted in the origin of the Internet while at the U of I. He attended the Congregational United Church of Christ. He was a member of Chess Club and enjoyed playing poker. He loved to go to Rainbow Gatherings. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Andrea Reynolds of Gurnee; one granddaughter, Mya Reynolds; his mother of Kankakee; one sister, Nancy Reynolds and Adam Gaffin of Boston, Mass.; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, James Reynolds of Chicago, Thomas Reynolds of Maple Grove, Minn., David and Irina Reynolds, William and Ginny Reynolds, all of California; and former wife, Pam Reynolds of Gurnee. Deceased are his father and one sister, Kathleen Reynolds



# Tribute Wall



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“ It was allways a pleasure to speak and visit with Peter at the annual gathering of the tribes. ĩ½ĩ½He will truly be missed at this years gathering in July. ĩ½ĩ½Happy Trails, Peter.<br><br>ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½Peace and Love, marken##imported-begin##marken##imported-end##

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“ The following words were gathered by Peter at the 1997 Rainbow Gathering and shared in 1998 among the family that he loved <br><br><br>Love is: <br><br>Sharing and giving of the Spirit - the food - the breath of life, that illuminating essence of belonging, the <br><br>creative force manifesting and expressing, the language of the Angels, heaven here on Earth, when everything is beautiful, the beauty of the harmony with creation, home, learning how to accept, being able to see what people need - not material things - just emotional and mental things, the magic that makes the world go around, compassion, empathy, sensitivity, caring, relatedness, togetherness, shared dreams, nurturing, healing, the peace and contentment that comes shining from the hearts of beautiful souls, seeing us all as brothers and sisters to earth, pure spirit, the river that never stops flowing , serenity, tranquillity, the family, long suffering without complaint, the extra measure to bring about God?s will, peace, bare feet squishing in the mud, a circle of <br><br>friends all holding hands, keeping a sense of humour, dancing in the meadow, <br><br>courses through everything, the Spirit that moves in all things, desire complete happiness and total caring without fault and misconception, universal and totally without limits boundaries or conditions, never angers or remembers negative past deeds, pure and wholesome, holistic, divine hope, the Mother-Father God always eternal, the Shortest distance between two points, in the eyes hearts and smile of each being, standing still long enough to hear the wisdom in the earth, jumping high enough to welcome the sky and landing in the lap of Beauty?s welcoming embrace, what moves us and spirals us up towards purity of consciousness, attaches us all to one another, binds us together, when one knows everything about you and loves you anyway, i ½ the great commandment: love your neighbour as yourself, waking up and bouncing out of bed in the morning, sunlight hitting caramel, truly amazing, letting all your <br><br>guards down and being able to open yourself up completely while allowing <br><br>someone else to do the same, being good doing good and loving good, mutual respect, something you have to give in order to get, understanding not just in <br><br>the sense of knowledge but

*also in the sense of feeling, knowing someone complete lack of fear, beyond the span of life, something given to the star <br><br>dust by a creator - thus bonding matter to order - ĩ¿½unifying space time and <br><br>matter, realizing that you would give up anything or go anywhere to be with <br><br>that person, really<br><br>seeing/sensing/feeling the beauty and interconnectedness of everything -wow, giving thanks, breakfast for six billion, homes for all, patient listening and shared decisions, the greatest healing power, the ability <br><br>to see God in everything, a power that everyone holds deep down inside, perfect, that which holds everything together, God acceptance without judgement and always giving enough room to grow, a vibration which resonates throughout the universe and which is within everything, the feeling you get from your toes to your head when you kiss someone, the one thing that makes us all equal, here and now, breaking down the barriers and sharing what?s inside of you, helping each other, beautiful, does need coffee, seeing that what really matters is people, hoping you make it to the party of all, no chains on your heart, humanity, the <br><br>earth making love to me, my dog, a forever part of us which goes beyond the <br><br>individual concept of self, selfless, the ĩ¿½admiration for one?s soul with <br><br>respect to it?s freedom, something to be held and cherished without chains, <br><br>unquestioning acceptance, a deep sensation of caring, souls just clicking, honesty, giving a helping hand, realizing that life is too short to go around with a chip on your shoulder, showing respect-part of being a gentleman or lady, Jesus , gentleness in one?s though and deeds, patience with another person?s ways of b*

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“ It is a great loss to hear of the sudden passing of a very loved and known "brother". ¶½Only a few weeks ago we were mentioning Peter "Love" and remembering his flyers on love that would be revised each year and shared with many. ¶½Those flyers were an insight and pickup for many. ¶½I believe it was in West Virginia that some folks were talking and feeling a little down, when Peter showed up and shared his latest copy of his familiar sheet. ¶½It actually uplifted the little group that had assembled, and seems they went about their activities and chores with a whole new uplifted outlook. ¶½¶½In these recent years of many transitions including my own only other living relative, who was not only my mom but best friend, condolences go out to family and close friends. ¶½May the Peace, Light and Love that "Peter Love" promoted so readily be with you. ¶½###imported-begin###Dwight "Whytefeather" Winegar###imported-end###

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“ Your father made a difference to me and I still have the LOVE is... paper he would pass out...<br><br><br><br>I will now frame it and hang it on my wall !<br><br><br><br>Hope to find you at the gathering this summer!<br><br><br><br>Blu###imported-begin###Blu###imported-end###

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“ I'll miss seeing Peter at rainbow gatherings. ¶½He was one of the good guys in this world.###imported-begin###Sanity###imported-end###

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“ He always had a good word, he was kind and considerate of others. He was a friend. Peace be with you. ##imported-begin##Whistler (david findlay)##imported-end##

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“ Peter was a sweet, kind, caring person who was well know at Rainbow Gatherings, many called him "Brother Love." Peter believed in love and sharing and his compilations of gatherer's thoughts on what love meant touched many year after year and folks saved his pages of love. He will be missed and fondly remembered by many. My thoughts and prayers are with Peter's family and close friends at this time of deep loss. ##imported-begin##Joanee Freedom##imported-end##

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“ Peter collected Love and shared Love...  
 now Love is all around you  
 W E L O  
 V E Y O U ##imported-begin##lan-l##imported-end##

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“ With everything going on at Rainbow Gatherings, with all the possible distractions, there was one person spending his time trying to get people to talk about the nature of love. This was inspiring and important work, and Peter will be missed. ##imported-begin##Barry Summers##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##kind from s,c,r,o,l,l,##imported-end##

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“ I just wanted to thank everyone who remembers my Dad. I ½ I am EXTREMELY proud to be his son. I ½ I plan on spreading some of his ashes at Rainbow this year so I hope to meet you all there.##imported-begin##Jason Reynolds##imported-end##

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“ He LOVES playing a penny whistle.<br><br><br><br>He LOVES children.<br><br><br><br>He LOVES singing.<br><br><br><br>He LOVES hugs.<br><br><br><br>He LOVES.##imported-begin##guitar Mikal##imported-end##

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“ Brother Love, Peter, was one of the several brothers I would think of and wonder about during these years when I could no longer attend the Gatherings. I ½ He was Family to many. I send my heartfelt condolences to his nuclear family and neighborhood friends. I ½<br><br><br><br>Peter, you were consistently one of the best influences, highest quiet personalities and you will be missed and remembered by many through the years and your name, your words, your deeds have been written in the archives of the Tribes of the White Buffalo. I ½<br><br><br><br>May you ever walk in Beauty, bask in Love, live on in Love; you, brother.<br><br>##imported-begin##water, singing-on-the-rocks##imported-end##

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“ Thank you air for a life well lived. You are an Illuminous example. You made my life brighter.<br><br><br><br>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, AMEN###imported-begin###John H. Oleksy###imported-end##

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“ Much love to you Love. i½you live on in spirit.###imported-begin###roses###imported-end##

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“ <br><br> Grandpa love meant so much to me. I am sorry that i am just learning of his passing today. It saddens me deeply that i will not get to see him again. He is the one who at my second rainbow gathering gave me my rainbow name. <br><br><br><br> i½There are so few in this world who dedicate their lives to the unifying message of love. Grandpa love did that, he effected my live and i will always remember him in the warmest of places in my heart. I love you Grandpa love!###imported-begin###Chris "love is home" Bair###imported-end##

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“ Peter was a great guy. He knew what Love was and made sure the world knew it, always spreading it at the Rainbow Gatherings. He will be missed.###imported-begin###Zakk Flash###imported-end##

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“ We Will miss you brother love your devotion to sharing love with everyone will not soon be forgotten you will be missed happy trails till we meet at the next big gathering in the sky. Mama ceraphim###imported-begin###mama ceraphim###imported-end##

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“ Peter will be missed. We love you!!###imported-begin###Scott Bigham###imported-end##

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“ I only knew Peter from receiving his wonderful pages of Love that he compiled and passed out at Rainbow Gatherings. i¿½Those pages are something I hold onto and reread many times when I feel my lowest. i¿½He is a bright spirit and made the worlkd a better place for his existence.###imported-begin###Holly###imported-end##

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“ This is such a sad loss. <br><br><br><br>Peter was such a genuinely sweet man. He just radiated kindness. When coming to the Rainbow Gathering each summer, he was one of the people I looked forward to seeing so much. <br><br><br><br>Each year he gathered a list of what people thought "Love" meant to them and the following year would print it out on a long list and distribute them. Many people didn't know his name, but would brighten when they saw him coming down the trail and say, "Hey!! It's the LOVE man!!" and run up to get their list. <br><br><br><br>I enjoyed sitting with Peter at the Info booth many times over many summers. He will be missed by a great many people. <br><br><br><br>I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Karen##imported-end##

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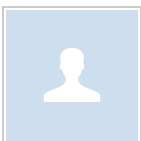
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“ Our condolences to our cousins from Kankakee for their loss.##imported-begin##Jeb and Pat Baker##imported-end##

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“ What a sweet fellow and such a kind heart. ĩ½I loved his Peace papers. ĩ½He will be missed. ĩ½My deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Jacque Betz##imported-end##

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“ Brother Love is and will be missed by many trust me he really will. For years he constantly but politely nagged me to give him my definition of LOVE. However I was always busy or not quite ready or wanted to give him a fine tuned definition rather than a spontaneous one. I as most people do in life figured I could do it another day or at another gathering. We as humans tend to forget we do not always have another day. So I will finally define Love spontaneously with all it's lack of creativity. Love is----Peter is-----Thus Peter Love Reynolds is Peter Love to many of us at the Rainbow Family Gathering of Love and Light.##imported-begin##J'ai i ½i ½( hi )##imported-end##

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“ I'm so sorry about Peter's passing. We were in many classes together at KHS and he was always smart and kind. My twin sister and I remember those times fondly. We are so sorry for your loss. Eva Whitham##imported-begin##Eva Ring Whitham##imported-end##

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“ I was always impressed with Peter's "smarts" and the fact that he wasn't afraid to show his own unique individuality. We lived across the street from the Reynolds family back in the day when large families were common. Some of my memories include playing bumper pool in their garage, swimming in the above ground pool, water skiing on the Kankakee river together, goofing around with his family's reel to reel tape recorder, playing chess and other board games (always very competitive) and hanging out at the drive-in movie theater. Later in his life he asked for my definition of love. He collected the answer to that question from hundreds of people. I believe this seeker of truth is nearer to understanding the answer to that question.##imported-begin##Marc Thomas##imported-end##

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“ Thank you for spreading the thoughts of love at the gatherings God Bless your family with peace.##imported-begin##Renee Jensen (Jahmai)##imported-end##

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“ Thanks to everyone for their condolences. We gave Peter a great send-off with tributes and music. We will miss his sweet smile and the fun times. Peter's sister,  
Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Reynolds##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Betty, his very special & creative Mother, and Jim and the rest of the family. Having been neighbors for over 12 years, I can recall lots of "moments" to be remembered. Peter was his own person and had a real zest for life. He was a friend to many. His own special talents he shared with those around him. He is at peace now and will long be remembered through his writings and music that had his own philosophical ideas. Farewell neighbor.##imported-begin##Donna Cole##imported-end##

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“ pete u will be missed my friend. i send my love to your family in this time of need.##imported-begin##shawn vangilder##imported-end##

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“ thanks for all the love you brought to everyone for so many years! i ½the love you have shared will continue to spread and grow. i ½blessings on your journey. i ½##imported-begin##mark highlove##imported-end##

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“ Can there be a greater testimony to a life lived well, that one be known as The Love Man? <br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##~willow scar clan~##imported-end##

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Brenda Crank/Scott Nickell##imported-end##*

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“ *peter will be missed by the rainbow family...##imported-begin##Gary Stubbs##imported-end##*

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