



## James "Peter" Pokrant

June 5, 1963 - February 19, 2025

James "Peter" Pokrant, age 61, of Suwanee, GA passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. He was preceded in death by parents, Gerald and Paula Pokrant, and sister, Kathryn Pokrant. Mr. Pokrant is survived by daughters, Emily Brynn Pokrant of Spring Hill, TN, and Kathryn Isabella Pokrant of Buford, GA; son, Andrew Peter Pokrant of Buford; brothers, Jeffrey Pokrant of Rochester, NY, and John (Marcia) Pokrant of Centerville, VA; nephews, Justin Pokrant and Jonathan Pokrant; and several cousins. Mr. Pokrant was born on June 5, 1963 in Rochester, NY. He graduated in 1981 from Pittsford Mendon High School and in 1986 with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Chemistry from Williams College where he was a member of Williams Octet singing group. Mr. Pokrant had worked over 20 years for USAN, Inc as a data analyst. He attended Oak Grove Baptist Church in Gainesville, GA, and had once attended Calvary Chapel in Stone Mountain as well as Crosspointe Church in Duluth, GA. Mr. Pokrant had many hobbies: he loved singing, working puzzles, playing games and pickleball, and spelunking caves. He did a lot of volunteer work, helping other people, even those he did not know. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Rev. Andy Shorthill officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 5:00 p.m. until time for the service at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Food Bank in Gainesville, GA.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 S. Lee St.  
Buford, GA 30518  
(770) 932-1133  
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

FEB **24.** 7:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Coach Pokrant was one of a kind! Always believing in every single one of his players and pushing us to be better. Such a beautiful soul who will always be remembered. Heaven truly gained an angel.



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**carola piña** - February 24, 2025 at 01:59 PM

BR

“ Peter, you were truly one of a kind. It was a great honor to know you . Rest easy and save us all a spot in heaven. We love you! ❤️



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**Bethany Roley** - February 24, 2025 at 11:45 AM

SD

“ I only knew Peter for a short time at Crosspoint church in Duluth, but he made a big impact. He was larger in life and in his faith.

*He was a great guy and I only wish I knew him better.*

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**Scott Dorer** - February 24, 2025 at 01:52 AM

EW

“ It’s rare to meet a life force like you. You lit up every room. You were the joy of every party, every boat ride, every client dinner, every court you held. Your impact on me is indeleble. It was a privilege to sit next to you. Thanks for the lessons. Rest in power.

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**Eve Wernicky** - February 22, 2025 at 10:48 AM

ME

“ We are so worse off for your loss but, for anyone that had you in their life, we are so blessed. Such a wonderful human being. Funny, smart, loyal, caring, entertaining, and such a loving person. As you’re looking down from heaven, how proud you must be of the wonderful children that you leave behind. We’re going to miss you Peter, love you always.

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**mike evenson** - February 21, 2025 at 03:35 PM

DR

You are so greatly missed, especially by your children. Everyone love you and there was so much to love about you. Thank you for your humor, your taking our requests for songs we wanted to hear you sing, especially BIG JOHN, which you did better than the original artist. You spread your love to everyone and your bear hugs were wonderful. We will never stop loving you, ever. We’ll see you again.....

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**Debbie Roley** - August 16, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CY

“ We will surely miss seeing and hearing from Peter. We enjoyed this past year reconnecting with Peter on a regular basis, his weekly visits bringing us treats, and conversations about faith and politics. And with Peter came lots of text banter. We will miss all of it. He was a wonderful friend when I was a new Christian many (33) years ago at Calvary Chapel where he served the Lord on the worship team. You always heard his voice when he entered a room (or was down the hall). That strong voice he used to Worship the Lord could not be mistaken. He always had a giant smile and hug when he approached, and a sense of humor. He spoke of his kids (Emily, Katie, and Andrew) with great pride. He cared about people in general and wished all would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I will share a text Peter sent this past November (maybe a few (or many) of you received it as well) reflecting on his hope for people to find the Lord. November 2, 2024: "What are you?" "Are you living or dying? I'm doing a bit of both...do more living, cuz dying ain't no way to live. Are you laughing or crying? Do more laughing... Crying will come later. Are you saved? You need to be. Are you lying or not? It takes someone willing to keep a lie going... Sometimes the biggest lies we say to ourselves. Are you you? Are you who you should be? Again I ask, are you saved? God knows you. Do you know Him? Make it so. I want to share the Table with you. Are you happy or sad? Be happy. I am today. Tomorrow's another day to live For Him. Make it worthwhile. Are you willing... to be fulfilling God's Will? Make it so. Where are you? Don't fight against yourself; Fight for what is right. What are you gonna do? Consider Jesus. (We are looking forward to "sharing the Table" with Peter when it's our time to be called home). Our prayers are with Peter's family and friends during this time of deep loss and sadness, but we rejoice in knowing Peter is with Jesus now--he just beat us to it.

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Carrie Yeager - February 21, 2025 at 11:46 AM

EP

“Dad, words can't describe how heartbroken I am that you're gone. I miss you and will continue to for the rest of my life. You have touched so many lives, and your legacy will continue to live on down here on earth. I love you, dad. Save a spot for me up there.

Emily Pokrant - February 21, 2025 at 11:34 AM

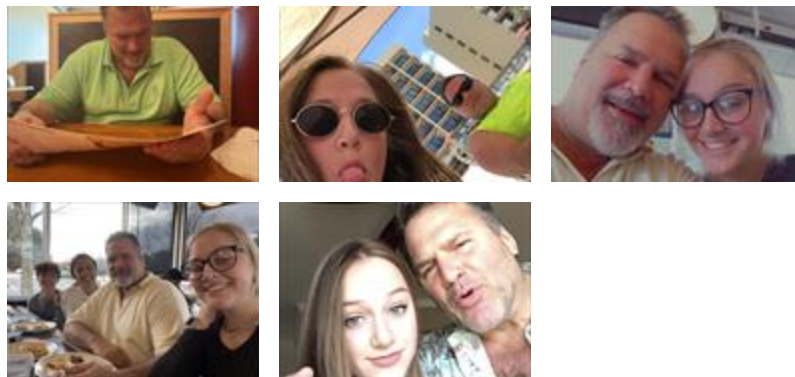
DR

I still can't believe you're gone from among all who loved you, Peter. I wish I had known while I was there how short your time was on earth. So many things I would have said to you about how loved you are and we will always be here for your three treasures. I miss you so much. Now you're truly in the KING'S CORNER, Singing His praises with your beautiful voice that blessed so many. Thank you for the time you sang, THE ANCHOR HOLDS for my sick mother. She cried tears of joy hearing her favorite song from someone who could sing it better than the original artist. I love you, we all do and always will.

Debbie Roley - February 21, 2025 at 04:44 PM

EP

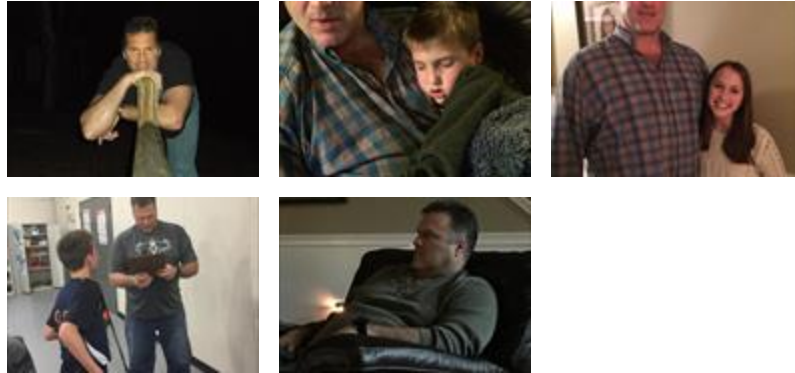
“Dad, words can't express how much I miss you and will always wish you were still here on this earth. I know that you are happy to reunite with our Father, and I know you'll be with me for the remainder of my life. Save a spot for me up there. I love you.



Emily Pokrant - February 21, 2025 at 10:56 AM

SV

“ 42 files added to the album *MEMORIES OF PETER*



**Shannon Pokrant Volkodav** - February 20, 2025 at 11:58 PM

MM

*So sorry in the loss of your husband, Shannon. We had met and had fellowship at Calvary Chapel Stone Mountain in the 90s. When we first arrived, Peter was on the worship team and his singing brought us all raising our voices for worship to our Lord and King Jesus. Prayers are lifted for you and the family. I guess I had forgotten that we were both from Rochester.*

*With condolences, Michele (& Pastor David) Marini*

**Michele M** - February 21, 2025 at 10:18 AM

SV

“ *While you are gone far too soon for the many people who dearly love you, I am thankful you leave behind a legacy of love for people and a true heart for service. Thank you for gifting me with three beautiful children who make us both proud to be their parents. You fought the good fight and I take comfort knowing you are safely in the arms of Jesus, where you will never know suffering again. My greatest hope is that you are reunited with your children in Heaven one day. Until then, I hope they each follow the example their father set for them by loving Jesus and serving in His name. Rest well, Peter.*

**Shannon Pokrant Volkodav** - February 20, 2025 at 11:37 PM

AK

“ *Alisa Kleynen lit a candle in memory of James Pokrant*



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**Alisa Kleynen** - February 20, 2025 at 06:40 PM

AK

“ *Emily, Katie and Andrew. Our Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Tim, Alisa and Bri*

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**Alisa Kleynen** - February 20, 2025 at 06:39 PM