



## Peter Caldwell Mayo

October 10, 2012

Peter Caldwell Mayo of Lawrenceville, GA, died October 10, 2012 at the age of 60 in Suwanee, GA of an apparent heart attack. He was born on July 24, 1952 in Philadelphia, PA to Richard Henry Mayo and Elizabeth (Traub) Mayo who predeceased him. Over the course of his life he also lived in New Jersey, grew up in Dallas, Texas, and received his degree in History and American Literature from Linfield College in McMinnville, OR. He received his teacher training from the University of California, San Diego. He was in his 24th year of teaching and his ninth year at Sharon Elementary in Forsythe County where he taught fifth grade math and was a revered Master Teacher. Prior to that he taught for 10 years in Gwinnett County and four years in the San Diego, CA area. Before entering educational training, he managed bookstores in the San Diego area, and eventually opened up his own bookstore, Wordsworth Books, in Encinitas, California. Teaching was not just a profession for Peter; the encouragement and education of his students was forefront in his life. He was lauded by faculty and students alike for his ability to teach mathematical concepts and to encourage students to believe they could master them. An avid tennis player, reader and cook, Peter's house was full of books and there was always a gardening or landscape project in progress. During school breaks he could often be found hiking and camping. He was also an animal lover, "parenting" many cats over the years. His current "Alphabet Cats" A, B, C and D will certainly miss him. Peter is survived by his sister Jacqueline (Mayo) Hatch and her husband Randolph of Wellesley, MA

and his brother Richard Michael Mayo and his wife Tina Feingold of Brookline, MA, and his nephews Geoffrey Randolph Hatch and his wife Katherine (Haggerty) Hatch of Frisco, TX, and Stephen Thomas Hatch and his wife Lorraine (Serritt) Hatch of Atlanta, GA and his nieces Meredith (Hatch) Bouton and her husband Owen Capers Bouton of Dunwoody, GA and Willa Rose Mayo of Cambridge, MA, as well as six great-nephews and nieces. As part of his close extended family, he is also mourned by Jon Mayes, his wife Nancy Butler and their children Julia and Colin of Lawrenceville, and by his school family at the Sharon Elementary School in Forsyth County and those from Suwanee Elementary in Gwinnett County. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Flanigan's Funeral Home, 4400 S. Lee St., Buford, GA at 11 AM, preceded by a visitation hour at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to Sharon Elementary School, 3595 Old Atlanta Road, Suwanee, GA 30024. The School is creating a memorial to Mr. Mayo in the D.I.G.S., an outdoor learning environment, to celebrate his life and love of gardening. Mr. Mayo also had a passion for literature and any remaining donations will go towards the renovation of the school's media center.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Caldwell Mayo*

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“ *Mr.Mayo was a great teacher and friend to everyone he really loved everything he did or saw. Mr.Mayo loved teaching fifth grade math and he really loved calendar math he did. Mr.Mayo was my teacher and he taught me alot that anybody would know he was the best and a cherrished friend to us. we all love him and we are going to see him soon. Also, Mr.Mayo had many friends that he will ALWAYS remember and i doubt he hated anything he loved and i mean really loved everything. I mean he was the best and i am not letting go until the time is right. He had great friends that he will miss but he will see some other friends in heaven that will love help with math i bet.*

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**Nia** - November 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Peter's passing. Among our classmates at St. Mark's, Peter was so well-liked, reliably sunny, and always, always kind. We were blessed to have had him as a friend. It is clear from these testimonials that those qualities that endeared him to us touched many others throughout his life. My heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and former students who mourn his loss.*

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**Mark Anderson** - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I join my fellow classmates from St. Mark's School of Texas in expressing my deepest sorrow over the passing of our dear, dear friend, Pete Mayo. The ongoing exchanges among classmates from various parts of Texas, the rest of the country and beyond are evidence of the strong bonds and love we had for Pete and for each other. Frankly, we're stunned by the news of his passing. Pete was a funny, gentle and fun human being. He was a wonderful classmate and we remember his smile and infectious laughter. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family. May his memory serve as a blessing to those who shared his glow.

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**Chuck Kaufman** - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Peter was a special friend and a dear person in my early life. I remember his laugh, his incredible singing voice, and the way he was able to love others and give of himself. He was a wonderful influence in my high school and early college years and I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Gayle Embrey** - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I would like to add my condolence on the loss of Pete, my classmate(1971)and friend at St. Mark's School of Texas. I was not surprised that Pete chose a helping profession where he doubtless impacted so many young lives. Pete is remembered fondly by all of us remaining Marksmen - a great sense of humor and encourager who added so much to school life in his own friendly, affable way. I remember Pete helping us set a ridiculous goal for our annual Campaign - a canned food drive at Christmas - something like 40,000 cans - easily 3-4 times more than any class had ever gathered - and then somehow prodding us into doing it. I believe I speak for so many at St. Mark's when I say that we have missed him greatly over the years and will miss him even more now until we see him again on the other side.

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**tim glass** - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I was a classmate of Peter's in High School and the word is just now spreading among his classmates here in Dallas and beyond. Our thoughts reach out to you Mike and Jackie. Peter was such a good friend and I have great memories of our times together. I last talked to Peter when I was considering going into teaching and of course he highly encouraged me and I did. And it's been a blessing! My thoughts and prayers go out to all his students - I know they will be heartbroken. Rest in peace good friend, you have left a legacy.

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**Brad Moore** - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Peter and I were classmates at St. Mark's in Dallas for many years. (Class of '71) He was a member of our "family" of friends and loved by all. He inspired us with his free spirit and great sense of fun and giving. It's clear that Pete went on to touch so many others and will be missed by all.

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**Chris Dunlap** - October 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I am saddened by Peter's sudden departure from this world. He was a great friend and although time and years created a physical distance I have often thought about our time together at Lindfield. Like Will Rogers I don't believe Peter ever met anyone he did not like. Although, my heart is heavy with sadness of his leaving my memory is happy with memories of him. Joe Daniels

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**Joe Daniels** - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Peter will always have a place in my heart, and my life experiences. When I arrived at Linfield College in the fall of 1972, and moved into Hewitt Hall, Peter immediately took me under his wing -- and spell -- and made me feel so at home and part of a true "brotherhood." When I heard of his passing, my first thought was of an outing Peter, I and a couple of others took to the Oregon Coast, an hour away, on a beautiful fall day. We spent the day hiking and enjoying the splendid scenery. It was magical. I'll always remember it, and the friendship that was born on that day. My condolences on your loss.

*Lance Robertson*

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**Lance Robertson** - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Mayo Family, my heart is broken! I dearly loved Peter. Over the 10 years of teaching 5th grade together at Suwanee Elementary he became a part of my life and heart! We continued our friendship over the next 9 years that he was at Sharon Elementary! Peter exemplified the Fruit of The Spirit to everyone who was around him. God gave me a special blessing in my life for 19 years. God... gave me Peter Mayo as a personal friend! I will always cherish our time together as friends!*

*Mary Ann Goodale*

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**Mary Ann Goodale** - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *Jackie and Mike - though we did not last as a couple, I am so grateful to have been married to Peter and I think fondly of our courtship and early marriage. He was a very good man and I am thrilled to know that he was so beloved by his community, friends and family.*

*Jon and Nancy, you are completely intertwined in my memories of Peter and I think of our many times together with great fondness and joy. My heart goes out to you for this loss of your dear, dear, friend and family member and I am so glad that you had all those many years (yet still not enough) together.*

*Sending you all love.*

*Jana*

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**Jana Zurich** - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM