



## Peter C. Franklin

December 31, 1986 - August 8, 2014

Peter C. Franklin, 27, was a gentleman, scholar, and writer. He was a thoughtful husband, a sweet son, a loyal brother, and a steadfast friend. He enjoyed the words of Henry Rollins, reading P.G. Wodehouse novels, playing Xbox with his brother, embracing new ideas, and catching up with old friends. He was a principled vegetarian, a francophile, and a connoisseur of coffee. With him, small jaunts became amusing adventures. Through his matriculation at Northeastern University and the University of Toronto, he amassed friends in many cities to whom he was only a phone call away. Upon arriving back in Atlanta, he used his endless reserves of patience and creativity to inspire students at Gwinnett Technical College. He will always be loved and missed by his immediate family, his extended family, and very close friends. May the force be with him.

A celebration of his life will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 12 at Northwood Country Club in Gwinnett. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Winship Emory Cancer Institute of Emory University, Office of Gift Records, Emory University, 1762 Clifton Rd. NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30322.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peter C. Franklin*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of dear Peter. It's interesting to note that the Peter of the Bible, Jesus apostle, was seemingly the most outspoken and the wittiest. He had strong convictions and he loved hard. What a fitting name. May you as the grieving family find comfort in knowing that your Peter is now simply sleeping, awaiting the day Jesus calls for him to come out of the grave. (John 5:28, 29; 11:11, 43) He will awaken to a world where peace abounds and where sickness and death are no more. (Psalm 37:11, 29; Isaiah 33:24; Revelation 21:4) Until that grand time, know too that Jesus Father, Jehovah God, "is close to the brokenhearted," and has invited you to "throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." (Psalms 34:18; 83:18; 1 Peter 5:7) Take care and if you would like to learn more as to the condition and future of those that have fallen asleep in death, please visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).*

**Aries** - August 25, 2014 at 11:06 AM



“ *Rose Downs lit a candle in memory of Peter C. Franklin*



**Rose Downs** - August 16, 2014 at 08:34 AM

“Peter was always very kind and respectful to everyone, even as a teenager. He has been a long-time friend of my daughter, Rose, and was one of “the gang”. We were all so proud of Peter for following his dreams through college, studying in Paris, and beginning his career. I remember when I was actually in Boston, attending the American Society for Microbiology, several years ago that Peter was attending college in Boston. He had always invited folks to get in touch with him if they came to the area, and so I did. He and his friend, Chessie, and I went out to dinner one night. We went to a lovely “mom and pop” style Italian restaurant in the “Little Italy” section of Boston. We had a delightful time, laughing and talking – I think we closed the place down. The young people were so intelligent and excited about life – they talked about their studies and their plans, their lives, about Boston and world events. They knew something about everything – this was so refreshing for me. I remember thinking what a very interesting and sophisticated young man Peter had become.

None of us can know why Peter had to endure the cancer or why he had to leave us. His life was too short – and yet he touched everyone he knew. He was gentle and kind, yet brave and courageous at the same time – that’s kind of unique in anyone, especially a young person. As a Christian, I’m reminded that Jesus had some of those characteristics when he was here on earth –He was gentle and kind, yet courageous and decisive, and a good friend. Though we are grieved and can’t understand why Peter had to leave, I have learned a few lessons from Peter and from all of this:

- 1) Follow your dreams and live them – work to make them happen.
- 2) Be kind and respectful of everyone – don’t do or say things that you think you may have to make amends for later. There may not be time for that.
- 3) Love your life and fight for it. It’s worth it. Love your family and friends, and your spouse!
- 4) Realize that every day the Good Lord gives you on this earth is precious, and make it special.

*I believe that Peter is in Heaven today. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends, his mother, Karen, and his dear wife Abby. And to Peter, I would say, "Thank you for being a blessing to everyone you met. May the Good Lord bless you and keep your soul now, as you have blessed others in your life."*

*Dr. Laurina Williams  
(Rose's Mom)*

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**Laurina Williams** - August 12, 2014 at 12:52 PM

DB

“ *We will all miss you dreadfully, Peter. You were one of the nicest as well as one of the brightest people I have ever known. Godspeed.* ”



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**Danny Burtle** - August 12, 2014 at 07:11 AM

AB

“ I only really got to know Peter after he got sick, but I don't think it changed who he was. We used to talk a lot when I took him to his treatments, and during those conversations I learned that the most important thing about Peter wasn't his body, it was his mind. He seemed reserved and soft-spoken, but true intelligence shone through in his speech. The kind of intelligence that nothing could ever hide or dampen. Even as his body grew weaker, his brain never seemed to waver, and to this day I respect him as perhaps the most remarkable mind I have ever met. He ingrained in me an appreciation of learning for the sake of learning alone, and the knowledge that education is not about proving what you know. It is about never letting your mind go to waste, because it is the most important part of you, and it is what made Peter the man he was. I am so sorry that he is gone, but just as much, I am so thankful that I got the chance to meet him, because he impacted my life in a way I never would have imagined that day I first shook his hand. You won't be forgotten Peter.

Love and prayers,  
Andrew Burtle

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**Andrew Burtle** - August 12, 2014 at 12:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peter C. Franklin.



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August 11, 2014 at 10:55 AM

FO

“ I'm sincerely sorry to hear of the passing of Peter Franklin. Although I was not able to meet Peter in person, I'm sure he would have made a great friend. My prayer and thoughts goes out to the family that the Lord will keep and comfort all at this time.

*Felix Osagie,  
Network Developer,  
OnCourse Learning  
Atlanta, GA. 30339*

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**Felix Osagie** - August 11, 2014 at 08:48 AM

NK

“ Peter left a lasting impression on his fellow students and his teachers at the Centre for Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto. His intelligence was characterized at once by a deep curiosity and strong principle, and he shared that intelligence so graciously and freely that everyone who knew him learned from him. Peter loved ideas, for their own sake and because they mattered to the world. He was in our eyes the model scholar: he did not need to win others to his ideas, but always asked the questions that most needed asking, of authors and the world but also of himself and us. Losing him left a large hole here.

*The Centre will make a donation of \$500 to the Winship Emory Cancer Institute in his memory. We also plan to open a Peter Franklin Memorial Fellowship.*

*Neil ten Kortenaar  
Director,  
Centre for Comparative Literature  
University of Toronto*

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**Neil ten Kortenaar** - August 11, 2014 at 08:24 AM

JS

“ sincere condolences to the family. I remember little Petey as a great little guy around the ball park and at the new years get together. so sorry to hear of his short time. I know he will be missed. I am in North Carolina now or would be there on Tuesday. My thoughts are with you. Joe Szokody

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**Joseph Szokody** - August 10, 2014 at 08:52 PM

PW

“ I only met Peter once but he left quiet an impression. I attended Drew's graduation about 2 years ago and Peter was there to show his pride in his brother. Peter was so proud of his big brother and so kind to his mother. I enjoyed watching Peter and his family interact... so much love and respect. I am so sorry he is gone, much too soon and much too young. My heart goes out to Peter's loved ones. May God hold each one closer than ever. Peter will be greatly missed but he will live on in their hearts forever. Maybe Peter will be seeing Joshua ... I like to think so.  
Pattie Wilds

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**Patricia Wilds** - August 10, 2014 at 08:40 PM

NM

I was Peter's second grade teacher at Walnut Grove Elementary in Suwanee, Georgia. What a bright, inquisitive seven year old boy I had the joy of teaching in my class! He had a clever wit, a kind heart and such a gentle soul. I'm proud to see all of his academic accomplishments but happier still to see how loved he was by others. My prayers go out to Peter's family.

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**Nancy Morrison** - August 12, 2014 at 10:36 PM