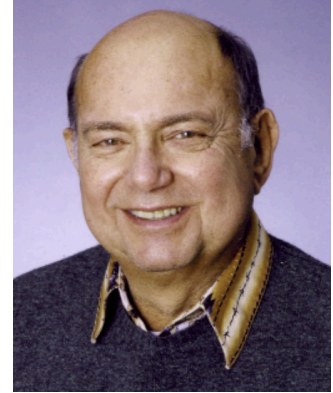


Peter K. Rosengarten

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On Friday, December 9th, 2016 St. Luke's celebrated the extraordinary life of Peter Rosengarten who left us on December first after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He died peacefully at home in Weston with Tia and family at his side.

The celebration of life at St. Luke's for Peter was in the sanctuary filled with friends near and far, some having to stand in the isles. The late afternoon light streamed in the Trinity Window casting a shadow of the cross from the top of the American flag at the front of the church. Especially moving were so many who came forward for the Eucharist to personally celebrate Peter's life. He was remembered with many memorials from Pennsylvania, Weston and surrounding towns.

Reverend Heidi in her Homily said upon meeting him for the first time, "Peter had a way about him that made others feel at home with him...Let us, who remember his life, take joy in this man who knew how to make a home wherever he was and who had the gift from God to make everyone feel at home with him."

Tia and family seemed to feel at home as they lingered and shared their time together in Willard Hall at the catered reception. In conversations with his children, one heard many stories of their loving father. They were so grateful and all said how much their father "loved St. Luke's."

In his obituary, we learn and understand Peter's "strong commitment to community service: the Pennsylvania Economy League where he became coordinator of County Affairs, coached junior ice hockey, actively supported Native American rights, was a vestry member at Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemount, and earned a master's

degree in Government Administration from the Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania.”

Weston Vermont is a better place thanks to Peter’s dedicated service to the Playhouse, town government including 12 years as board chair, and the rejuvenation of the Old Mill Museum. St. Luke’s will be forever grateful for his steady service to vestry, stewardship and finance, organ restoration, search for a new rector, and preservation of our historic building even to overseeing the improvement of our sound system. He regularly served as a lector and usher.

Reverend Heidi concluded, “Peter is now at home in God’s heavenly kingdom.”

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