

When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for; and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our father did for us."

~ John Ruskin

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In Loving Memory of
Peter Arthur MacLean

Middleton Funeral Home
2:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31, 2026



August 27, 1962 ~ October 2, 2026

Celebration of Life for

Peter Arthur MacLean

Officiating: *Rev. Deann Carter*
Organist: Jean Prosser

Order of Service

Prelude
Welcome with Selected Scriptures
Opening Prayer
Chosen Music ..... "How Deep the Father's Love"
Reading of Obituary ..... Laverne Slauenwhite
Scriptures ..... John 14: 1-3; Romans 8:35-39
Lord's Prayer
Selected Reading ..... Bob Bent
Chosen Music ..... "Jesus Loves Me"
Meditation ..... Peter's Journey Home
Recorded Music ..... "When it's all Been Said and Done"
..... by Robin Mark
Firemen's Farewell ..... Last Alarm Ceremony
Benediction

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reception will follow the service. All are welcome.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Fa-ther's love for us,
how vast be-yond all meas-ure.
That He should give His on-ly Son
to make a wretch His treas-ure.
How great the pain of sear-ing loss.
the Fa-ther turns His face a-way
As wounds which mar the Cho-sen One
bring man-y sons to glo-ry.

Be-hold the Man up-on a cross,
my sin up-on His shoul-ders.
A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice
call out a-mong the scof-fers.
It was my sin that held Him there
un-til it was ac-com-plished;
His dy-ing breath has brought me life.
I know that it is fin-ished.

I will not boast in an-y-thing:
no gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom.
But I will boast in Je-sus Christ:
His death and re-ur-rec-tion.
Why should I gain from Him re-ward?
I can-not give an an-swer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ran-som.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.

Peter Arthur MacLean, 64, of Margaretville, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on Friday, October 2, 2026. Born in Middleton, Peter was the son of the late Arthur and Hannah (Lytle) MacLean.

Peter was a deep and deliberate thinker who approached everything with patience and careful consideration. This was especially evident in his carpentry, where every project began with a plan carefully worked out on paper before he brought it to life. A true craftsman with an eye for detail, Peter took great pride in his work, which can be seen throughout the Valley and will stand as a testament to his skill for years to come.

Peter cherished his years in Elbow, Saskatchewan, where he formed lasting friendships with people who became like family. He loved the wide-open spaces and developed an interest in locksmithing and a passion for long-distance shooting. One of his proudest moments was hitting the end of a spray-paint can from 1,000 yards away – a story he never tired of sharing, always with the same excitement as the first time.

Family was at the heart of Peter's life. He adored Ann, and after 38 years of marriage, he was still asking her for kisses right to the end. He loved being a father, teaching his sons and sharing his knowledge. He had a special way of making people feel loved and part of the family. He was proud to be a grandfather and took great joy in being Papa to his grandchildren.

Peter's father, Arthur, and grandfather, Tom, were founding members of the Margaretville & District Volunteer Fire Department. Following in their footsteps, Peter became a third-generation firefighter, proudly serving his community for more than 30 years.

His three sons continued the family tradition, becoming fourth-generation firefighters in Margaretville and other communities across the country.

Peter's deep faith and love of God were central to his life. A longtime member of Margaretville Baptist Church, he served in various roles over the years and was a deacon at the time of his passing. During his years in Saskatchewan, he attended Bethel Lutheran Church in Elbow, where he especially treasured his Wednesday night Bible study group. He brought his natural curiosity to these gatherings, often asking questions and sharing perspectives that encouraged deeper discussion. He spoke fondly of the friendships he made there long after returning home. His faith remained steadfast throughout his illness, and he trusted in God's plan without ever asking, "Why me?" His family finds comfort in knowing he is now in Heaven, whole and healthy, walking once again with his beloved dog, Nova, by his side.

Peter faced his cancer with remarkable courage. "It is what it is," he would often say. But acceptance never meant giving up. He fought with everything he had for more time with his family, knowing there was still so much he wanted to share with them.

Peter is survived by his loving wife, Ann (Lightfoot); sons, Sam (Naomi) of Sackville, NB, Nikolas (Lucinda) of Warner, AB, and Nathan (Breanna) of Greenwood, NS; grandchildren, Ezra, Ezekiel, Miriam, Moriah, Elijah, Elyse, Brielle, and Macklin; sister, Margaret (Larry) Finley of Margaretville; brothers, Glenn (Debbie) of Margaretville and David (Jane) of Cambridge; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Peter's family is deeply grateful for the love and support they received throughout his illness.

To everyone who came to visit, whether from close to home or all the way from Saskatchewan, and to those who made sure meals were provided when they were needed most, thank you. Your kindness and generosity meant more than words can express.

The family would also like to recognize the healthcare professionals involved in Peter's care, especially Dr. Fomani, Dr. J.P. McCarthy, and Dr. Surujballi. A special thank you to Janet Welton with Palliative Care, who was always just a text away, and to the many VON nurses who helped care for Peter at home. A heartfelt thank you also goes to EHS, especially Paramedic Outhouse and Paramedic Ben, whose kindness and compassion helped Peter through two particularly difficult experiences.

Visitation will be held from 6–8 p.m. on Friday, October 30, at Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main Street. A Celebration of Life will take place at the funeral home at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026, officiated by Rev. Deann Carter. A reception will follow the service.

For those unable to attend in person, the livestream will begin at 1:55 p.m. and can be accessed through the Live Stream section of the Middleton Funeral Home website. A private interment will take place at Bay View Cemetery in Margaretville.

To help Peter's family return home for his service, contributions may be made through Middleton Funeral Home. Condolences and memories may be shared through the funeral home's online guestbook at www.middletonfuneralhome.com The family welcomes memories, stories, and photographs of Peter, which can be sent to petersmemorybook@gmail.com. These will be collected in a special book for his young grandchildren, so they will always have Papa with them.