



## Peter Palmadesso

September 5, 1940 - July 12, 2011

Dr. Peter Joseph Palmadesso of Manassas, Virginia was called Heavenward July 12th, 2011 at Sentara Potomac Hospital, after a life of humble, loving service and leadership. As was Abraham (Genesis 25:8), he has been gathered to his people. Notable among them are his father Peter and his mother Lucy, both of whom he greatly honored.

Peter was born September 5th, 1940 in Newark, New Jersey. Among others he leaves behind are the companions of a practically swashbuckling young life dotted with beach adventures, lighthouse residence, long-illegal-home-chemistry-set adventures, and all other manner of adventures: his sisters Rosemary and Linda, and his cousins Vincent, Joe, Paul, Mark, Richard, Deb and Carol.

Peter began a college career at St. Peters College in New Jersey, on a Debate scholarship with a Chemistry major. This culminated in a Ph.D. in Physics from Stevens Institute of Technology.

Along the way, Peter met Beverly Anne Moriarty, who soon became Beverly Anne Palmadesso (now Anne Leigh Palmadesso). After he was gone, we found an ancient leather-bound notebook atop his collection of personal treasures. It records (as the sum of his "Important Dates") the date he met "BevAnn," and the details of their early dates and milestones up to their

wedding on October 28, 1967.

Peter also leaves behind three children: Peter, Michael and Elizabeth; one grandson: Joshua, several nieces and nephews and other relatives, as well as many dear others who mourn him with us.

He was always a loving husband, father, brother, cousin and son-a faithful provider, a wise counselor, and an unwavering devotee of peace, humility, courage, and godliness. We take great comfort now in the reward he has earned from his Lord.

Peter never retired, always providing, and always thirsty to reveal more of the wonders God wrought when He shaped the lower heavens with His fingers (Psalm 8:3, Hebrews 1:10). His very long and successful career in Physics stretched from writing (on primitive punch cards) FORTRAN computer programs, which fuel-optimized Moon missions in the 1960s, to overseeing special applications research in advanced analysis of hyperspectral data sets, in recent years.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, July 17, 2011 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be said on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, Virginia with Rev. Francis J. Peffley officiating. Interment will be private.

All are welcome to extend Peter's service in this world through a donation to either:

Catholic Relief Services

<http://crs.org/>

Or

World Vision

<http://wvi.org/wvi/wviweb.nsf>

How sad we drift on without him.

"Clouds"

by Peter Joseph Palmadesso

How sad!

The clouds drift on

Without me.

Regal Clouds!

Borne on servant breezes

through skies of Royal Blue

On thrones of softest shade

and crowned with sun.

and timid clouds

that tiptoe by

lest they bother

you or I.

Silent, brooding clouds that wander

in skies of endless gray

Silent, so silent.

So near, so far away.

Infant clouds  
that pout and sprinkle,  
bathing in the sun's warm light  
Orphaned babes  
at Heaven's doorstep.  
Sleeping in the evening's light  
Fluffy things  
that leave a twinkle  
in the dark old eyes of night.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I wish to extend my sympathy to Peter’s family for Peter’s untimely death. I recall vividly being introduced to Peter upon his arrival as a extremely talented student at St Mary’s high school in South Amboy, NJ, around 1957. I find it uplifting that Peter did fulfill his dream to earn a Ph.D. In physics and contribute to the advancement of science. I was also fortunate to achieve my academic dream of earning a Ph.D. In mathematical statistics followed by a career at Bell. Labs. I also am pleased that Peter, as I have been, has been blessed with a very loving family. God Bless! Jim Maher, Email: jma her3@comcast.net

Jim Maher - July 13, 2023 at 07:58 PM

TE

“ Peter was a Wonderful Man. If the family needs anything please let us know.

The Climehaga's Penny, Dick, Julie, Keith & Eli - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

TP

“ I remember being very young and spending the night with Liz at her parents after long days at the barn. I still remember the first time I was welcomed in, the love and warmth and security in the home. That will continue to live on. I am personally sad and I will always remember the love that shined off Mr. Palmedesso's face when he smiled. And hope we can provide our child with the same loving guidance as he has provided to so many. Our thoughts are with everyone in this hard time. Much Love, Jess, Scott and Ashlynn

The Pobletes' - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

RK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of need. He was a great Father in Law to my son and I was blessed to be included as part of the family during family events. HUGS to all. God Bless Love Rebecca Knotts*

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**Rebecca Knotts** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

RM

“ *To the family: My thoughts are prayers are with you during this time of mourning. May God keep you and comfort you. Pete, I will miss looking across the hallway at you talking to your computers.*

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**Ralston M. Mitchell** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

PT

“ *Peter, You were an exceptional person, father, husband, brother, cousin, friend and professional. Your influence and inspiration on those who knew you will be remembered well beyond my lifetime. I will miss you.*

*Paul*

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**Paul Tinnirello** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

WM

“ *Sincer condolences. Peter was a colleague of mine at the Naval Research Laboratory for many years, and I always liked him very much and had the greatest respect for his scientific ability and insight.*

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**Wallace Manheimer** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

DC

“ Please accept my belated condolences. I did not know of his passing. At NRL, Pete and I worked on a number of exciting papers, many of which still endure to date and will continue to influence space plasma physics research. His physics insights guided many scientists and projects in the community.

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**Dr. James Chen** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

GG

“ Since my graduation in 1980 I worked with Peter first as a post doc and then as a colleague until he retired from NRL. It was an extraordinary learning experience that largely shaped my career. Peter believed in relentless pursuit for perfection and excellence and encouraged me and others working with him not to settle for less. I will always be grateful to Peter for his wise counsel both in scientific matters and otherwise. Peter was a brilliant physicist and a kind and compassionate human being with very high moral conviction. I consider myself to be extremely fortunate to have known Peter. I am deeply saddened by the irreplaceable loss of my mentor and a very good friend.

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**Gurudas Ganguli** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

IS

“ My wife Janine and I send our sincerest condolences to the Palmadesso family on the passing of Pete. When he formed the Special Project in Nonlinear Science, he asked me to join and help the project get under way. His early collaborations let me do some of the exciting work which is still in ongoing. He will be missed.

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**Ira Schwartz** - March 29, 2013 at 02:00 PM

GG

“ Peter.. You were an inspiration to everyone who knew you. I will miss you as I would a brother. God Bless!

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**Gary Gurnicz** - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM