



Peter J. Welnick

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De Pere, WI - Surrounded by his family, Peter James Welnick passed away due to complications of an acute illness on Saturday, December 13, 2025. In his 12 years, he filled our lives with laughter, love, and joy.

Peter was born on October 19, 2013, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Mark and Jamie (Olsen) Welnick and the cherished big brother of Wade (age 8) and Sam (age 6). He was a treasured grandson of James and Karen (Koss) Olsen and Richard and Kathy (Erickson) Welnick, a loving nephew of Holly Olsen, Brian (Natalie) Olsen, Jenny (Evan) Haas, and Brad (Kristen) Welnick, and adored cousin to Owen, Cooper, Mason, and Ethan Welnick. Peter will also be deeply missed by his extended family and school friends. He was preceded in death by his special dog, Dottie.

Pete loved the outdoors, traveling, and learning about space; searching for the moon wherever he went. He explored a new national park each year. His adventures included standing among the giant sequoias, hiking Yosemite Valley, feeling the mist of Niagara Falls, camping the Black Hills, and snorkeling with sea turtles in Hawaii. A few years ago, Make-A-Wish fulfilled his dream to visit Toy Story Land and Disney, creating family memories that will be cherished forever.

Always excited for new experiences, Pete completed triathlons with the help of Team Triumph and participated in adaptive sports including TOP Soccer and Miracle League Baseball. He could always be found with a new book. Pete loved telling jokes and making people laugh, especially with his favorite: "How do ducks learn to fly? They just wing it." Above all, Pete spent many summers on the water, swimming, fishing, and tubing with his brothers.

Pete attended sixth grade at Foxview Intermediate School in De Pere, where he made his musical theater debut in *The Little Mermaid*. He especially loved singing and had the loudest "Happy



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Birthday.” High fives, fist bumps, and hugs were a familiar and welcome sight in the hallways. His family is forever grateful for the kindness and friendship shown to Peter by his friends, aides, and teachers.

Peter will be remembered for his pure heart, his adventurous spirit, and the way he cheered on everyone. Everything was more fun with Pete. He was our rock and the best big brother to Wade and Sam. Like the song from Toy Story, Pete showed us that “You’ve Got a Friend in Me.”

Since his birth, Peter was truly a medical miracle. At doctors’ appointments, he would often ask with a smile, “Are you going to check me out?” Diagnosed with a rare metabolic condition, ILFS 1, Peter helped doctors learn, research and better understand this condition to improve the lives for future patients. He was never defined or limited by his complex medical needs and faced life with remarkable strength, resilience, and positivity.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to Dr. El-Gharbawy at Duke University and the care teams at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, and Bellin Health for their dedication and compassion. In his final act of kindness, Peter became an organ donor through Lions Vision.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca, WI, beginning at 10:30 A.M. with a Memorial Service at 12:00 P.M. A reception will follow starting at 1:00 P.M. at Simpson’s Restaurant, 222 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI. Those attending are invited to honor Pete by wearing a touch of his favorite color, red.

Contributions may be made online through the Peter Welnick Memorial Fund [clickhere](#) In Peter’s memory, the family will distribute donations to organizations that support adaptive sports and children with medical needs, continuing Peter’s legacy of inclusion and opportunity for all.

The family joyously asks you to live fun and fearlessly like Pete. Cheer loud and sing louder. Tell jokes, read books, and give high-fives. Go hiking and look up at the moon. Try something new. Jump in the lake. Go fishing. Collect rocks. Above all, love fiercely, include others, and always be true to yourself.



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Pete, You are our angel, our darling, our star. Our love will find you, wherever you are.
Love, Mom, Dad, Wade, and Sam



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Visitation


 **Saturday**, December 20, 2025


 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**
N2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca WI 54981

Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, December 20, 2025

 12:00 PM CT

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BT

Brenda Towne posted:

Oh Jamie, I'm so very sorry for the loss of a beautiful soul. Meeting him this fall at Turners was a joy. Pete's energy has to have been contagious...as his smile wrapped you into his life very quickly. Thank you for sharing him even if for a brief moment. Blessings to all of you and always celebrate Pete's life. ❤️

December 20 at 7:37 AM

MN

Makayla N. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.



December 20 at 7:02 AM

TS

The Texas Manion's sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Welnick family.



December 20 at 5:44 AM

TS

The Texas Manion's planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.



December 20 at 5:44 AM

AR

Andrew R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.



December 19 at 4:01 PM

JP

Jared P. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.



December 19 at 10:55 AM



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Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Welnick family.

December 19 at 7:58 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Welnick family.

December 19 at 5:32 AM



Kevin And Christine Greer planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 19 at 5:32 AM



Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Welnick family.

December 18 at 5:58 PM



Sam, Erin, Charlie And Ellie Fairbrother planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 18 at 5:58 PM



Ali And Nore Batouli sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Welnick family.

December 18 at 4:13 PM





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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Welnick family.



December 18 at 1:41 PM



Vicky Coppens posted:

Peter had an amazing smile and had a wonderful way of making others feel special. Peter was a good friend to my son James and will be missed so much.

December 18 at 11:24 AM



Shyla F. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.



December 18 at 7:02 AM



Robert Erickson sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Welnick family.



December 17 at 2:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Welnick family.



December 17 at 12:26 PM



Jim E. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.



December 17 at 12:26 PM



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BT

Brad Welnick's Medtronic Corp Fp&A Team sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Welnick family.

December 17 at 9:10 AM



BT

Brad Welnick's Medtronic Corp Fp&A Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 17 at 9:10 AM



MI

Medtronic Ir sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Welnick family.

December 17 at 8:19 AM



MI

Medtronic Ir planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 17 at 8:19 AM



TA

The Awowales sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Welnick family.

December 17 at 8:18 AM



TA

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December 17 at 8:18 AM





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TT

The Cesa 8 Staff (Peter'S Dhh & Vi Team) sent a Small Garden Dish to the Welnick family.

December 17 at 7:26 AM



TT

The Cesa 8 Staff (Peter'S Dhh & Vi Team) planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 17 at 7:26 AM



SD

Sri & Dhara sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Welnick family.

December 17 at 5:56 AM



SR

Sue Rohloff lit a candle in honor of Peter.

Sue Rohloff lit a candle in memory of Peter Welnick

December 17 at 5:37 AM

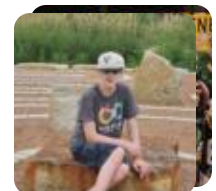


BF

Billie Finlaw shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Peter was an exceptional young boy! We spent summer together at Full Circle Y Camp and I was his camp instructor. There was never a dull moment with Pete around. He always kept me on my toes! He was strong-willed, stubborn, independent, funny, outgoing, etc. He always use to trll me that he loved the moon and stars and wished we had Full-Circle Camp outside at night. You always had to have an eye on him because you never knew where he was going or what he was up to! He touched my heart and drove me crazy at the same time, and I will never forget him. His light, his spirit, and the love he gave so effortlessly will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. -See you at the moon Pete ♡

December 16 at 12:59 PM





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B Casagrande, J Mueller, & Ac Radiology sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Welnick family.

December 17 at 5:02 AM



B Casagrande, J Mueller, & Ac Radiology planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 17 at 5:02 AM



Abby & Boston Sci Io Team sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Welnick family.

December 17 at 3:47 AM



Abby & Boston Sci Io Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 17 at 3:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Welnick family.

December 16 at 6:34 PM



The Overby And Heckler Families planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 16 at 6:34 PM





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DM

Deb Sokolowski, Katie Ziggas, Denny Monks sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Welnick family.

December 16 at 5:39 PM



DM

Deb Sokolowski, Katie Ziggas, Denny Monks planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 16 at 5:39 PM



WS

Windy Matich And Mark Scoggins sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Welnick family.

December 16 at 4:34 PM



WS

Windy Matich And Mark Scoggins planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 16 at 4:34 PM



GL

Gillian L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

December 16 at 12:59 PM





Billie Finlaw shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 17 at 5:23 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Peter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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