

Peter 'Pete' Arne Pedersen <sup>6 H-R</sup>  
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Peter "Pete" Arne Pedersen, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away September 27, 2021 at 2:30 a.m. Pete was born on September 21, 1935, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Edwin and Hattie (Jantzen) Pedersen. He was the youngest of three children with two older brothers, Bernard E. and K. Mark Pedersen. Pete attended High School in Grinnell, Iowa, graduating in 1953 and went on to receive a degree in Business Education from Colorado Teachers College (UNC), Greeley, Colorado and a Masters in Guidance Counseling from Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado. He spent the majority of

his teaching years at Lake County High School in Leadville, Colorado, where he also spent 15 years coaching varsity boys basketball and other sports. During that time, he had three teams compete in the Colorado State basketball tournament. In 1975, Coach Pedersen had the honor of coaching the Colorado All-Star South AA-A team. In 2010, Coach Pedersen was inducted into the Lake County Sports Hall Fame. He retired in 1993 after 33 years in education to Loveland, and then Fort Collins, Colorado. Mr. Pedersen touched a generation of Leadville kids through his counseling, teaching and coaching.

Pete married Joyce in December 1963 in New Virginia, Iowa, and they began their adventure in Colorado soon after. He is survived by his wife Joyce (Norris) Pedersen; his children Lori Lunn (Dave) of Fort Collins, Colo., Dirk Pedersen (Sandi) of Limon, Colo., and Juli Schwalm (Jayson) of Farmington Hills, Mich.; and his cherished grandchildren, Josie, Andrew, Mark, Addison, Owen, Lily and Katy. Pete was preceded in death by his brothers and parents. He will be fondly remembered as an amazing husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

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