



## PETER COOPER

December 29, 1952 - April 27, 2017

SERVICES: 3:00 PM SUNDAY 4/30/2017 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE

Age 64, of Oak Park, died April 27, 2017.

Unemployed and Looking for Opportunity, Peter was a Former Religious Services Committee Chairperson at Congregation T'chayah, Former Professional Fundraiser at Arts Marketing Services at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Former New and MDOC case management intakes and referrals. at AIDS Partnership Michigan (APM), Former Cage Banker at Motor City Casino

Former Senior Teller, Branch Clerk, ATM Reconciliation, Cash Management Services at City National / First of America / National City Bank. He graduated from Frank Cody High School. Peter was an extremely active member of Congregation T'chayah.

Loving partner for 12 years of Jonathan Quirk.

Devoted son of the late Billie and the late Abraham Cooper.

Brother of Bob Jackson.

Brother-in-law of Petie Jackson.

Uncle of Gery Jackson.

Also survived by a world of friends.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Alana Alpert

INTERMENT:

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Monday evening  
at the residence of Roslyn Schindler

10075 Lincoln Drive

Huntington Woods, MI 48070

(248) 541-7218

THE FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT CONDOLENCE VISITS BE MADE  
ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY FROM 6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

7:00 PM Sunday and Monday evenings

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

PETER COOPER

you may do so by making a contribution to:

CONGREGATION T'CHIYAH

c/o David and Miriam Mondry Building

15000 W. 10 Mile Road,

Oak Park, MI 48237

[www.t'chayah.org](http://www.t'chayah.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Clover Hill Park Cemetery

2425 East 14 Mile Road  
Birmingham, MI 48009

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

## Shiva

APR **30** to MAY **1** (ET)

ROSLYN SCHINDLER  
10075 Lincoln Drive  
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

*The family has requested that condolence visits be made daily between 6:30 and 9:00 pm*

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of PETER COOPER



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Hebrew Memorial Chapel - April 30, 2017 at 07:28 AM

BP

“ I first met Peter in 1992 in D.C. It started raining and we became immediate friends in helping protect the NAMES Quilt and get it under cover. I must also take responsibility (blame?) for introducing Peter to MediaWestCon. (Hey Peter - I'm going to be in Lansing meeting some friends. Why not check it out.) So once a year we'd meet at Media and catch up. I wasn't able to come the past few years but I have wonderful memories that will always be with me.

Barbara Presgrove

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barbara presgrove - May 12, 2017 at 10:31 AM

LB

“ Peter was a punster, a prankster and , literally a cow (oops clown). He was infamous for his costumes at MediaWest con. He was udderly likeable. As a wise-cracking cow he truly had great legs and that's no bull. We all will miss him terribly. He brought light and humor to even serious issues and a passionate level of concern. May he be welcomed into Haolam Haba. Laura Sandler. We all will miss you, Peter.

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Laura Basta-Sandler - May 02, 2017 at 12:36 AM

JO

“ We were saddened to learn of Peter's passing. So sad. We remember his capacity for life, clowning around, punster extraordinaire, awesome Monopoly player. John--we hope happier memories will comfort you now and in the future. .Janet + Janice Ouellette

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**Janice Ouellette** - April 30, 2017 at 11:04 AM

GP

“ A man of infinite jest and compassion. When I moved to Ferndale some 22 years ago, Peter helped. When we were done, he took me to his favorite ice cream place, The Dairy Barn on John R just above Eight Mile. I'll go again soon as they open to have a medium size swirl cone for Peter. And I'm sure he'd remind us "A little song, a little dance, a little seltzer down your pants".

*Greg Piazza  
Ferndale mi*

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**Greg Piazza** - April 30, 2017 at 10:05 AM

AM

“ I met Peter in 1989 at Simcha, a Jewish group for LGBT people. He welcomed me and my sister with his incredible warmth. My condolences to his partner, family, and friends.

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**Andy Mudryk** - April 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM

RS

“ A beautiful soul, a real Mensch. That was Peter, through and through. My heart aches because of the loss of his special friendship and for you, Jonathan. He loved you beyond words, and I know it was mutual. Peter was such an integral part of Congregation T'chayah; it's hard to imagine our community without him. My own special memories relate very much, too, to his relationship with my mom, Goldie Abt, and my husband Marvin, both of blessed memory. He was always so kind and helpful to them. When Marvin couldn't make it up the stairs at the Royal Oak Women's Club (ROWC), when we had services there, Peter and another person carried Marvin up the stairs. And another time, Peter, dressed in full clown garb, came to our house on Purim to deliver a bag of candy and other goodies because Marvin couldn't participate in T'chayah's Purim celebration. When my mom, who was aging, couldn't make it up the steps of the ROWC by herself, she always asked for Peter--no one else--to help her. Peter was a helper in every way it is possible to be one. He was generous with his time and energy--always and all ways. I loved Peter, I will always be grateful for our friendship, and I will miss him terribly. May his memory be for a blessing to all who knew and loved him. Roz Schindler

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**Roslyn Schindler** - April 28, 2017 at 03:57 PM

GG

“ Peter was a wonderful help and guide to my family and I when I was diagnosed with a life threatening illness. He gave my family resources and also became a lifeline to me with MJAC, without that wonderful lifeline, I wouldn't be here to have experience so many joys, pains and losses as I experience his great loss. He will always hold a special place in my heart. May such a deserving loving person find a loving and deserving peace that he brought to many. Gary H. Grossman

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**Gary H Grossman** - April 28, 2017 at 01:34 PM

RW

“ Peter was a wonderful friend of MCC Detroit. He was funny, kind and always busy and involved. Meeting his partner, falling in love was the best thing for him! He was good at keeping in touch. Paula and I both remember him fondly, attending conferences together. He touched a lot of people

*Rev. Nancy Wilson*

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**Rev. Nancy Wilson** - April 28, 2017 at 01:24 PM

KC

*I am very sorry to hear of the loss of my friend Peter Cooper, i knew him from T'chiyah synagogue*

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**Kevin Clepps** - April 28, 2017 at 04:34 PM

MW

*Il am reminded of Peter's sense of humor as well as his kindness. I last saw him Easter Sunday during Passover. Death is an advisor to us to live and lhe in the here and now!*  
*Mike Whitty*

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**Mike Whitty** - April 29, 2017 at 06:37 AM

MB

*To know Peter was to love him. He knew the words of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav: "The whole world is a very narrow bridge. The important thing is not to be afraid." For him I believe that meant to bring sunshine to every one he knew. Peter knew the way to our hearts was to make us smile, whether it was through a clown get-up, a silly hat, or badge, or pun. The love and kindness that he freely gave without reservation or hesitation that always left us with a smile, encouraged us to be our best selves. I am grateful to have known him.*  
*Martin Baum*

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**Martin Baum** - April 29, 2017 at 07:33 AM



*Peter was a force of nature - a lovely soul who could engage me, delight me, frustrate me and entertain me - all at the same time. I loved him and am deeply saddened by his passing.*

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**Jan Stevenson** - April 29, 2017 at 12:29 PM



*Peter you surely will be greatly missed! May your spirit, humor, and kindness be passed on by all who knew you. Jan Laurencelle*

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**Jan Laurencelle** - April 30, 2017 at 02:51 PM



*I met Peter 19 years ago at Affirmations over time our friendship has grown. He was my teddy bear. He was always there with a hug. He was such a huge man, in the way he cared for people. He was the inspiration of the Holiday potluck dinners that GNA has done for 11 years. Peter rest in peace.*

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**Michelle Fox-Phillips** - May 01, 2017 at 05:05 PM