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“REMEMBERING PETER DIESEL”

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In Memory of Peter Diessel, 1965 - 2024



Peter Diessel with his son Kristoffer Diessel at a Chicago Bears Football Game at Soldier Field in Chicago.

By Linda Steffensen,
The Danish Pioneer

Our good Danish-American friend Peter Diessel, President of the Royal Danish Guards Society's *Mellemstaternes Garderforning*, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at age 59.

Peter leaves behind his young

son, Kristoffer Diessel, mother Inger-Lise Diessel, sisters Charlotte and Christina, his girlfriend Debbie Weller, additional family and many friends. It was an honor to know Peter Diessel, and many of us just saw Peter at the Royal Danish Guards' Bird Shoot at Midwest Groundcovers in St. Charles, IL in June.

Peter Diessel was born in Copenhagen on May 28, 1965 and spent his early years in Denmark, Russia and Germany before coming to the USA with his parents in the Fall of 1970.

Peter was proud to be a Royal Danish Guard and would often speak about the prestigious role, history, training and tradition of being a Royal Danish Guard. Peter's son Kristoffer is currently also training to be a Royal Guard in Denmark. A Memorial Service for Peter Diessel will be held either in mid-December 2024 or early January 2025. Peter's mother Inger-Lise says Kristoffer now has many things to decide, including the date of his father's memorial service. Inger-Lise says Kristoffer is now left standing alone with little resources. A GoFundMe Page has been set up by Peter's best friend George Blomgren to assist Kristoffer. Please see the information below from George.



Peter Diessel, 1965 - 2024

You can also send sympathy cards to Kristoffer Diessel and the Diessel Family c/o Inger-Lise Diessel, 1100 Pine St. #A, Glenview, IL 60025. If you don't want to use GoFundMe but you do wish to send a donation, you can also send a check directly to Kristoffer c/o his grandmother's address. Either way, I am sure Kristoffer, Inger-Lise and family would appreciate receiving condolences from you regarding Peter's passing and they would enjoy hearing your memories of Peter.

All Honor to
Peter Diessel's Memory.

How You Can Support Peter's Memorial & Kristoffer's Travel Fund

Our dear friend Peter left us unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Anyone who knew Peter knows how much he loved his son Kristoffer, and how incredibly proud of him he was. Peter's own words from last year speak to this with such love and eloquence:

"Since he saw the light of day, Stoffer has been the center of my world, my rock, my light. He is the best of me, without all the flaws. Stoff and I have been together 80% of all the weekends in his life, and logged a LOT of time in the car. I adore him!!!"

Two weeks ago, Kristoffer moved himself to Denmark. Bought himself a plane ticket, and then let me know that he was going to join the Royal Guards, and then on to College in Denmark.

I had planned to have a nice Eagle Scout Court of Honor, but Stoffer opted to have his Eagle awarded at a Troop meeting with little fanfare, a great cake, and a nice dinner together.

And then just like that, he was off to Denmark.

Giant steps, showing no fear or trepidation. My son just walked right into his future, head up, eyes focused forward, and he didn't look back.

I could have been hurt, but I would like to think that I taught him not to be afraid of the unknown, and to embrace the moment. He is amazing. I'm happy for him, sad for me, but I am OH SO PROUD!"

In addition to the heartbreak and shock of losing his father unexpectedly, Stoffer is now facing a barrage of unexpected out-of-pocket expenses related to his father's death. That started already, with plane fare to get back to the US for a visitation with his Dad before cremation. To help, we are collecting funds to cover travel expenses for Kristoffer to travel back and forth between Denmark and Illinois. Any monies in excess of these expenses will be put into a fund for Kristoffer to help with the many other expenses he will face.

Thank you for remembering our dear friend with your donation. We hope to arrange a Celebration of Life ceremony, perhaps closer to the holidays, and we are looking forward to hearing your epic Peter stories at that time.

George Blomgren remembers his best friend Peter Diessel

Hello—My name is George. Peter Diessel was my best friend for many years. His mother gave me your contact information.

As you may know, Peter passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Pete's Mom Inger-Lise thought you might wish to share this news as you see fit.

As you may also know, Peter leaves behind a son, currently serving in the Royal Danish Guard, Kristoffer Diessel.

In Peter's memory, we have set up a GoFundMe, strictly for Stoffer to help him with the many out-of-pocket expenses he is running into.

Here is the link:

<https://gofund.me/12559df8>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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CHRISTMAS IS AROUND THE CORNER

Merry Christmas and Happy 2025 From The Danish Pioneer Newspaper!
The Danish Pioneer is celebrating its 153rd Anniversary in 2025 with your help & support!

We're currently working on the 2024 Christmas Issue of The Danish Pioneer Newspaper through the Thanksgiving Weekend. **(PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE: November 8, 2024 - latest November 15, 2024)**

We hope you will support us by including your Holiday Greeting Ad in our big, colorful Christmas Edition in December 2024! (Please let us know about any text or artwork changes by Nov. 8th, latest Nov. 15.)

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