

Peter Millard's Tribute

Peter Millard is my cousin and Mom and Dad's nephew. He's lived in Hawaii most of his adult life and is quite a character. He is also a large part of our family. Unfortunately, he could not be here today with us, but he asked me to relate the following thoughts he had about Dad:

My life has been enriched considerably and blessed with being welcomed into the Werrenrath family, something which I imagine many here today could echo!!!

With a first memory being present at Betty and Reinald's wedding years ago, to countless interactions in subsequent years in Highland Park, Hawaii and other locations, for weddings, or advice on whether to take an extra year and become a naval officer, which totally transformed my life.

When I faced challenges, divorce, and sought Reinald's counsel, it was wise and usually concluded with "I CARE about you!"

In a way, it's the same message he sent to the pilots of his carrier the USS Cabot in World War II in the Pacific during the attacks on the American fleet: "I will guide you back to the ship...you can make it..do not give up."

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I can imagine Reinald trying his heavenly hand at crafts, rowing machines, joining just the right men's groups and even playing the bagpipes, though some would say that's not such an angelic sound. I can also imagine him getting together with his pals from TV days, such as Marlin Perkins of Zoo Parade, Walt of the Workshop, Miss Frances of Ding Dong School. And I can see Fred Rogers appearing and lauding Reinald for his children's programs, so much like his own. I'm also hoping that Reinald will have many opportunities to participate in celestial reunions with other passed friends from the North Shore and beyond.

As you are celebrating Reinald's life, I on the other hand will be in Hawaii trying to time my bag pipe music serenade, featuring Scotland the Brave, to coincide with yours here.

Uncle: thanks for always making me feel part of your family...and a life-long friend too.