

Peter Heuchling

Class of 1971

Many students who have passed through WHS have aspired to be Broadway performers, but for Wooster High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame inductee, Peter Heuchling, that aspiration became a reality.

According to his brother, Geoff, Peter bridged a lot of groups while he was in high school as the swim team MVP, Class President of '71, President of Thespian Club, German Club, choir and Drama Club member.

According to Bonnie Drushal, who nominated Peter for the hall of fame, his greatest accomplishments came in the fine arts as a thespian. He began his acting career with high school productions like *Mr. Roberts*, *St. Joan*, *The Odd Couple*, and *The Brick and the Rose*. His most notable performance came in his role as Lancelot in the school's production of *Camelot*.

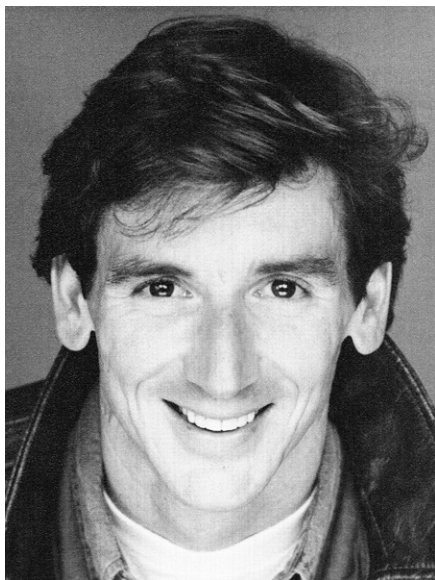
After graduating from Wooster High School, Peter went on to attend college at the University of Miami, Florida. There, Peter appeared in various productions at the college level. He also performed in professional summer stock theaters.

After graduating college, Peter earned his actor's equity card and moved to New York to perform on Broadway. He made appearances in Broadway plays such as, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Black Patton Leather Shoes Reflect Up* and various others.

According to Drushal, Peter eventually got tired of the rat race and moved to California to pursue opportunities in the entertainment industry, in a green environment more reminiscent of his roots. While in California he obtained a real estate license as a means of support while he continued to pursue acting.

Peter passed away at age 39 due to complications arising from an aneurysm.

— Kaitlin Starr, *student interviewer*



“He was full of pranks and satire and silliness. He enjoyed being a leader, and people enjoyed his leadership.”

– Bonnie Drushal