



William T Peterson

August 26, 1942 - August 12, 2017

William Thornton Peterson, age 74, of Newport, Oregon passed away August 12, 2017.

William was born in Vancouver, Washington to Grace Ellen Bryan Peterson and Rev. Howard Munson Peterson on August 26, 1942.

William received his BS at Pacific Lutheran University, his MS at University of Hawaii and PH.D. at Oregon State University. He married Mary Corinne Neiger Peterson in Portland, OR on March 9, 1969 and they had two children, Seth Howard Peterson and Paul Henry Peterson. While working for University of Capetown, he was relocated with his family from 1987 to 1989 to live in South Africa.

William was as an Oceanographer, Marine Biologist, Ecologist & Climate Scientist for NOAA working at Hatfield Marine Science Center as a Senior Scientist for over 20 years. He was associated with the Mid-Coast Watershed Council and PICES, EPOC, AGU, NOAA Salmon Forecasting Group, Marine Reserves Working Group & SAFE.

He loved talking about science, playing the bagpipes, and observing bird life. He is survived by his wife, Mary Peterson; sons: Paul and Seth Peterson; sister, Susan Peterson Voss; and brothers: Greg, Bryan, Paul and Jim Peterson. He is preceded in death by his father, Rev. Howard Peterson and his mother, Grace Ellen Peterson.

Celebration of Life will be held October 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Hatfield Marine Science Center in the Hennings Auditorium.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bill, It was very sad to hear what happen with Bill my PhD Professor. I would never imagine that Bill a young man, healthy pass away so early. I am very sorry for their loss and I cannot express my sorrow for their loss. Dear Mary and Child please accept my personal condolences and I very sure that God gives you the strenght to cope during this difficult time. Sincerely Dagoberto

Dagoberto Arcos - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM