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Peter Alexander Salmon of Eugene, Oregon died October 1, 2003 following a 30 year struggle with chronic lymphatic leukemia. He was 74. Peter was born on August 5, 1929, in Victoria, B.C. to Arthur Lidgey Salmon and Ina Helen (Gordon) Salmon. He married Janet Nancy Zeeb of Seattle, Washington on December 28th, 1953.

Peter began competitive swimming at age 10 and went on to set 16 Canadian swimming records. He won a gold medal along with two silver medals at the 1950 British Empire Games. He represented Canada at the 1948 Olympics in London returning with a bronze medal, and competed again in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. He was awarded one of only 2 athletic scholarships offered by the University of Washington Husky swim team and became a NCAA All-American. In 1951 he set a NCAA record in the 50-yard freestyle that stood for over 40 years. He was inducted into the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame in 1983, the Husky Hall of Fame in 1990, and the Victoria Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

He graduated from the University of Washington School Of Medicine in 1955 and received a M. Sc. in 1961 and a Ph. D. in 1962 from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. He was an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Minnesota from 1962 to 1966. In 1966 he became Associate Professor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and a Full Professor from 1972 until his retirement in 1994. He was the Director of a surgical teaching program at the University of Alberta Hospital from 1966 to 990. His research revolved around gastrointestinal transplantation, the treatment of massive obesity by surgery, metabolic and nutritional management of the short gut syndrome, and microvascular surgery. He was a member and fellow of many Canadian, American and international medical associations, academies, societies and colleges including the American College of Surgeons, the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, and the Society of University Surgeons.

He returned to the West Coast and practiced surgery in Eugene for five years before retiring permanently in 1999. His interests included golf and he was a former member of golf clubs in Edmonton, Victoria, Maui, and Eugene. He was an avid tennis player before he took up golf and he also enjoyed kayaking, water skiing, and body surfing with his sons. Survivors include his wife and three sons, Steven of Hanalei, Hawaii, David of Eugene, Oregon, and Peter of Edmonton, Alberta, a sister Ina Marie Ostendorf of Mukilteo, Washington, and one grandchild.