



Peter Haylett (1961)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Pete (or Peter, depending on when you met him). He died peacefully in his home of 57 years, with his children, Dawn and Peter Haylett, and his partner, Antonia Paletta, at his side. Pete said he had a charmed life and until his final breath he was lucid and the captain of his own ship, as he would have wanted it.

Pete was born in Derby, England during WW2 and made the sea voyage and cross country journey to Victoria, BC with his family in 1950. He met his high school sweetheart, Ann Drummond, in Grade 10 at Vic High. They married in the month following graduation and went on to have 2 children and a life together, full of shared

travels, laughter and love. After a lifetime of being cared for by Ann, Pete reciprocated for several years before Ann's death in 2017.

Following this, Pete could frequently be found "gardening" at the front of his house, where he could strike up a chat with any passerby. In 2020, he was fortunate to strike up a chat with Toni, who became the final love of his life.

Pete's career of 36 years as a school teacher was immensely important to him and he often spoke of the students and colleagues he had connected with. He had an endless curiosity and rejoiced in talking with anyone about politics, science, and literature, all informed by his passion for etymology.

Pete will be sorely missed by his family, including 2 brothers, Les and Kevin, and many friends.

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