

Martin W '62 "Pete" DUNBAR, 1944 ~ 2013

Pete DUNBAR, born Martin Ward DUNBAR, entered heaven and eternity, 18 Nov 2013, at age 69, from a sudden massive heart attack at his home. He was born 14 Dec 1943 at Fort Greely, Kodiak, Alaska. In 1944, the family relocated to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where Pete grew up. He attended North Idaho Junior College in Coeur d'Alene, and graduated from the University of Idaho where he obtained a B.S.Ed. with a major in Spanish and minors in history and language arts. During summers, he also studied German at Gonzaga University and lifeguarded on Coeur d'Alene Lake.

Pete's first teaching position in the late '60s was at Pomeroy High School in Pomeroy, Wash. In 1970, he moved to Portland to teach Spanish, history and English at what used to be Dale Ickes Junior High in the North Clackamas School District. During the ensuing years, he obtained an M.A. in Teaching from Lewis & Clark College and furthered his love of languages by qualifying to teach German and French while studying at Clackamas Community College, Portland State University, the University of Oregon and in specialized local language programs. Over the years, Pete also did long-term substitute teaching in Spanish, English and French in several Clackamas County school districts.

Pete was half Italian, a source of great joy for him. Growing up exposed to and influenced by the Italian language and culture developed in him a deep love of languages and he discovered that he had a unique talent for learning and retaining languages when he began his language studies.

In the late '80s, Pete began a new career working for Costco (Clackamas) until his retirement in 2006. During this time, his language abilities were put to good use helping translate for customers and staff whenever needed.

In the fall of 1972, Pete met his wife, Kathy [the former Kathleen Ryer] at church and they married in January 1974. During their many happy years together walking out their faith in God in careers and family life, Pete and Kathy also built an Amway business which produced many special memories and much personal growth and financial insight. After leaving their careers in 2006 and business activities a few years later, Pete and Kathy took several trips and accomplished some long awaited dreams and goals. In the years prior to his death, Pete began writing fiction, a desire that had been developing for many years. He finished his first novel which, at his death, is in the editing phase with the publisher. Kathy plans to finish the editing and to work with the publisher to see it to completion.

Pete is survived by his wife of 40 years; brother, **Dwayne '67 DUNBAR** of Port Orchard, Wash.; sister, **Kathryn (Michael) KRISS** of Coeur d'Alene; several sister and brothers-in-law; many nephews and nieces, all of whom he dearly loved.

Pete will be remembered and is greatly missed for his spiritual insights and his close walk with the Lord, which was the heart and joy of his marriage and loving relationship with his wife, and which inspired his writing. He will also be remembered for his enormous and creative sense of humor, keen mind, soft-heartedness for animals, especially cats, abundant generosity to others, ability to draw delightful cartoon characters, compose jokes and poems on the fly and ability to use words and ideas to great effect. Above all, he will be remembered for the strength and integrity of his relationship with Jesus who produced in him a joyful conviction inspiring and motivating others to seek God. As an acquaintance remarked, Pete had a charisma which made others feel happy, accepted and appreciated. Every person he met, whether someone he was doing business with or at the next table in a restaurant, was a potential friend and there was hardly a person he associated with more than once that didn't become a friend.

Pete was always involved in learning something new about both God's Kingdom and this world and was determined to grow more in the truth and knowledge of Bible prophecy and in his relationship with Jesus. Pete is now with Jesus, knowing Him fully, living and enjoying His love and wisdom finally completely available to Pete--truths of spiritual dimensions and facts beyond what we see and know, now become a reality--things which Pete joyfully looked forward to knowing and experiencing fully one day. He is greatly missed but we anticipate the joy of a future reunion.

Pete's gravesite is in the Pioneer Circle of Valley View Cemetery in Sutherlin, OR.