

Remembering Howard Peet ~

Howard David Peet died on Saturday, November 19, 2022. He was born on October 7, 1930, in Fargo, ND. He leaves a son, Terry H. Peet, daughter-in-law Pamela (Urton) Peet, daughter Pamela (Peet) Astrup, son-in-law Michael Astrup; grandchildren: Barry Peet, Randy and Cara (Neys) Peet, Christopher Astrup and Lindsay (Barker) Astrup, Stephen Astrup, Jennifer (Astrup) Kolbow and Benjamin Kolbow; great-grandchildren: Clark Howard Astrup and Addilyn Avery Kolbow, and sister-in-law Edele Rosenfeldt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard M. Peet and Beatrice (Gunness) Peet, and on December 12, 2020, his perfect partner, lifetime love, and wife, Jacquelyn Marie (Hegge) Peet. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 11:00 AM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Barnesville, MN.

Howard graduated from Barnesville High in 1948, going on to receive a B.A. from Macalester College and a B.S. and an M.S. from Minnesota State University Moorhead (formerly Moorhead State College).

Howard loved music. His primary instrument was the trumpet, but he also played the string bass, trombone, and clarinet. He traveled most of the states from Chicago, Illinois, to the West Coast with the Ray Palmer Orchestra and, later, the entire Midwest with the Kliff Riggs Orchestra out of Omaha. For over 15 years, he led the Knights of Swing Orchestra locally. He also sang, wrote, and arranged music.

During the Korean War, he served aboard the U.S.S. Ernest G. Small, a destroyer picket ship, for which he was awarded several medals.

Coming home from the war, he gave farming a try before returning to school to earn his degrees and accepting an English teaching position at North Dakota State University (NDSU). In addition to his English professorial duties, he established the Concentrated Approach Program at NDSU. He remained at NDSU for 23 years before, as he liked to say, "I wrote myself out of a job."

As his writing career became more successful, he teamed up with James Coomber of Concordia in 1979. Howard and Jim remained writing partners for many years, publishing a large number of textbooks in the language arts area from 6th grade through college levels. The most notable of these was the WORDSKILLS series, a best-seller series of seven books written for grades 6 through 12 that was published by Houghton Mifflin of New York and sold to schools in all 50 states plus 14 foreign countries around the world. That series had an exceptional run of over 30 years. Along with James Coomber of Concordia and Carl Smith of Indiana University, Howard wrote several online college courses offered on the internet through NDSU, as well as many other print books for major academic publishers. He also enjoyed writing people-poetry and short stories. His "Little Jasper" children's stories, published through "Parents and Children Together" magazine, received special recognition from the Glendale, AZ library in 2005. In 2009 he wrote, "An Arizona Legend" for the Arizona Historical Society's Southern Division.

Among the many awards he earned, Howard's most prized were Distinguished Educator of 1977, awarded by Blue Key of NDSU; named to Who's Who in the Midwest in 1980; named Professor Emeritus by the English Department of NDSU in 1986; Howard and Jackie were presented The President's Silver Medallion by North Dakota State University in 1990; the Red River Heritage Society presented Howard with the Red River Valley Educator Award in 1992; named to Who's Who in America in 1998; named to Who's Who in the world in 2018; and, also in 2018 he was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who.

ORGANIZATIONS: American Legion Gilbert C. Grafton Post 2; Voiture Nationale Forty & Eight; American Association of University Professors; Disabled American Veterans; Arizona Korean War Veterans Association; USS E.G. Small Destroyer Veterans Association.

QUIP: Curiosity was the motivation that made him an inspiration to all, as he said in the verse he wrote for the "Wordskills Teaching Tips":

Teach a child
A word to build
A vocabulary.
Teach a child
How to use a word
To build a life.

May His Memory Be Blessed

In Celebration For The Life Of



Allegro di molto.

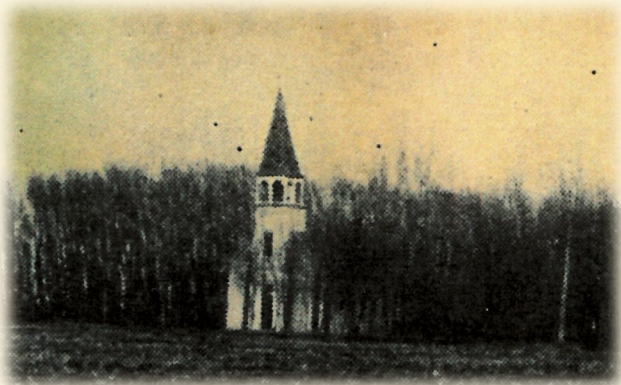
Howard David Peet

October 7, 1930 ~ November 19, 2022

God's Little House in Deerhorn

*Beneath the arch of God it stood,
That little country church of white.
A place to worship on Sunday morn,
A sanctuary when all looked dark,
A shrine of joy when all was good.
Open doors to those who journeyed,
Traveling on the old King's Trail.
Presbyterian in its name,
Open to any whose only aim
Was a visit with God and His advice
On how to meet the needs of life.
God's little house in Deerhorn,
Much bigger than its size.*

*-H.D. Peet
September 8, 2007*



In Loving Memory of **Howard David Peet**

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 11:00 am
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Barnesville, Minnesota

OFFICIATING

Reverend Chris Leach

READERS

Vicki Edenloff Steve Astrup Jen Kolbow

MUSIC

Rosie Carr ~ Organist
Dakota Brass Quintet:
Greg Post & Mike Wavra ~ Trumpets Peter Schiefelbein ~ French Horn
Gene Okerlund ~ Trombone Brian Tessman ~ Tuba
Congregational Hymn
"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" #597
Closing Song
"When The Saints Go Marching"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Barry Peet Randy Peet Christopher Astrup
Stephen Astrup Jennifer Astrup

INTERMENT

City Cemetery
Barnesville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Howard's family, thank you for your love and support throughout his life. We appreciate your prayers and your time as his life is honored. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship following the funeral service.

*Arrangements Entrusted to Dobmeier Funeral Home
Barnesville, Minnesota*