

## **WANGERSKY, PETER J.**

### IN MEMORIAM

Pete Wangersky, who died in Victoria, British Columbia, on January 7, was one of the most influential figures in the history of oceanography at Dalhousie from the time of his arrival in 1965 to long after his retirement in 1993.

Pete was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island and schooled in Lynn, Massachusetts and Woonsocket before going into chemistry at Brown University. Always eclectic in his interests, he went to Yale for a Ph.D, studying under the great polymathic zoologist, ecologist and limnologist G. Evelyn Hutchinson. After stints at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, in the U.S. Army, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and at the University of Miami, he returned to Yale as an Assistant Professor in the Bingham Oceanographic Laboratory. There he stayed until it became clear that oceanography at Yale had little future, a realization that led to his move to Halifax. Pete arrived in 1965 to take a position as a marine chemist in the Chemistry Department and Dalhousie's cross-departmental Institute of Oceanography. In 1971 the Institute of Oceanography evolved into the graduate Department of Oceanography, and Pete served as its Head/Chair in 1973-74 and 1977-1980. Pete had numerous graduate students, who will remember him fondly.

Pete is survived by his wife, Ellie, and their three sons, George, Charles and Russell.

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