

Robert Farrell Stewart, PhD

Age 78, died September 16, 2015 while in hospice care in Pompano Beach, FL. Son of Robert Harold Stewart, MD and Ruth Bryan Stewart, both deceased, and loving husband of Janet Trussell Stewart. He is survived by his wife Janet, son Robert Glendon Stewart, and daughter Annamarie Stewart Cockreham. Also survived by his sister Ruth "Peach" Mullen of Mercer Island, WA.

Born December 31, 1936 in Seattle, WA, Bob attended Lakeside Academy in Seattle, class of 1954 where he participated in football, wrestling, and track. He graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, MN in 1958 with a degree in chemistry. Robert earned his PhD in chemistry from California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA. He did his post doctoral work at the University of Washington in Seattle before taking a professor of chemistry position at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, PA in 1965, and as a full professor of chemistry at Carnegie Mellon University from 1967 – 2005. Professor Stewart best known for his research in crystallography using x-ray diffraction enjoyed a long time fellowship with the Crystallography Department at the University of Pittsburgh. He also consulted at various times at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

It was at Carleton College that Bob met his wife, Janet Trussell. They were married in 1959 and recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. He and his family took sabbatical leaves in Perth, Australia (1971 – 1972), Groningen, Netherlands (1978 -1979), and Copenhagen, Denmark (1991). Bob loved the Danes and returned to Copenhagen many times after to collaborate with Professor Sine Larson and graduate students there. Professor Stewart retired in 2005 and he and his wife moved to Pompano Beach in 2015 to be close to their daughter Annamarie. He enjoyed gourmet food paired with fine wine and travelling, to visit both colleagues in Europe, Israel, and N. America. A Steeler fan, he loved football since his prep-school days. Bob never forgot his beloved childhood home of Puget Sound and the Olympic Peninsula, and always celebrated Christmas with a fresh cut Douglas fir.

A memorial will be held on December 21, 2015 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM at the John Knox Village auditorium in Pompano Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice by the Sea (www.hbts.org). Please contact Annamarie Cockreham at bobstewartmemorial@gmail.com if interested in attending the memorial service.