

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HUGH PETRIE - 9/21/1937 - 8/8/2020

Hugh G. Petrie died on Saturday, August 8, 2020, in Centennial, CO, following a 15-year battle with inclusion body myositis (IBM). Hugh's death was a tragedy, but his life was not. He was a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

Born September 21, 1937, in Lamar, CO to Charles and Mary Petrie, Hugh lived his first five years in Eads, CO. From there the family moved to Montrose, CO, where Hugh resided until he finished high school. Then he received the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship and went on to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder. At the university Hugh earned Bachelor of Science degrees in engineering and business, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Following graduation he received a Fulbright Scholarship and Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Fellowships. Hugh went on to study mathematics and philosophy at the University of Manchester in England, before earning a Ph.D. in philosophy from Stanford University.

Hugh held professorships in philosophy and philosophy of education at Northwestern University, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Buffalo (UB). He also served in several administrative posts at Illinois and Buffalo including Dean of the Graduate School of Education at Buffalo. He wrote many academic articles and books centered around educational policy and interdisciplinary inquiry.

After retiring, he and his wife, Carol, spent 13 wonderful years traveling abroad, living in Tucson, AZ, in the winters and at Lake Lenore near Ouray, CO, in the summers. His final years took place at the Holly Creek Retirement Community in Centennial, CO, where he immersed himself participating in many activities.

Hugh had a wide variety of interests, enjoying gourmet cooking, tennis, basketball, hiking, and travel. After retirement, he renewed his interest in duplicate bridge and drama.

He was known for his kindness, gentle demeanor, and intelligence. Hugh was well-liked, with a friendly manner and a giving heart. As a friend said, "They aren't minting many decent human beings like him anymore."

Hugh was preceded in death by his parents, and stepmother, Josephine Petrie. He leaves behind his wife, Carol Hodges; his children, Trent Petrie (Laura), Ragan Petrie (Marco), Brock Petrie (Cindy), Lara Weiler (Scott) and Amy Hume (Chad); his brother Neil Petrie (Joannah); nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren, as well as many cousins, a niece and a nephew.

Donations in remembrance of Hugh can be made to the [Myositis Foundation](#).