

Peter H. Werner

Peter H. Werner died in Wilmington, N.C. on March 21, 2023, of heart complications following a torn aorta. Born January 17, 1947, in New York City to S. Henry Werner ('34) and Elizabeth Grumbach Werner, Peter was an Emmy nominated TV director and won a Best Short Film Oscar in 1977 for "In the Region of Ice." Peter siblings included a brother Tom and sister Patricia.

At Dartmouth, Peter majored in English, was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity and Sphinx, and was active in Paleopitus, Dartmouth Film Society, the Dartmouth, Aegis, Green Key, and Camera club. Upon graduation, Peter served as a Vista Volunteer in Detroit, before founding a Quaker high school in Deerfield, MA. He earned M.A. degrees in teaching (Antioch) and documentary film making (American Film Institute). He developed a passion for filmmaking after meeting Frances Flaherty, widow of Robert Flaherty, known as the father of the documentary film.

After winning an Oscar, Peter devoted his talents to television, where he directed dozens of well known and successful series and movies, including "Moonlighting," "The Wonder Years," "Justified," "Bull," and "Law and Order SVU." He earned four Emmy nominations and was honored with a Peabody award for "LBJ: The Early Years." While recognized as a brilliant director and encouraging collaborator, those who knew Peter best will remember him as an even better human being.

Peter is survived by his wife Kedren, children Lillie, Katharine, and James, his brother Tom, and grandchildren, Asher, Indira, and Uma.