

# Peter Feuille



CHAMPAIGN – Peter Feuille, 73, died on Wednesday (Sept. 7, 2016) at home after a long illness.

Peter was born in San Pedro, Calif., on March 12, 1943, to Fred and Jean Slater Messenger Feuille, who preceded him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of over 37 years, Karen Susan; daughter, Julie Christine King; and son, Taylor King Feuille.

Professor Feuille is also survived by his brother Tim (Donna) and sisters Carolyn Messenger Feuille Le Chevalier (Robert Murley) and Eleanor Slater Feuille, of the San Francisco Bay area of California.

He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1973 and his Bachelor of Arts from Claremont McKenna College in 1967.

Peter and Susan met in 1978 and were married on July 28, 1979. They had a very loving marriage and found great joy in their children and extended family and friends.

He had a keen wit and lively sense of humor with an infectious laugh, enjoyed surfing, was a precision driving enthusiast and shared a love of the Rolling Stones with his children.

In retirement he enjoyed traveling, particularly in Europe, with his wife, and was an active member in OLLI, taking numerous history and political science courses. He was a lifelong exercise enthusiast, completing eight marathons. Most of all, he loved returning regularly to his native California.

Peter was frequently the first person on the dance floor at weddings and formal dances and was known for his unique dance move, "The Hammer," as well as wearing his favorite Rolling Stones tie.

Professor Feuille was the dean of the now-School of Labor and Employment Relations from 1994 until 2006. During his tenure as dean, he oversaw tremendous growth in the program, nearly doubling the student body during that time.

Notable among his many accomplishments as a leader were his leadership of LER through the transition from the historical focus on industrial relations to the modern focus on human resources, including a shift in curriculum, degree requirements and degree name.

Feuille joined the school as a tenured faculty member in 1977 and returned to the faculty before his retirement in 2008. He taught workplace dispute resolution and collective bargaining to students in the school and from the College of Law.

In addition to his teaching and research, he was a nationally known arbitrator, with expertise in collective bargaining, labor relations and unionization.

In addition to his scholarly work, he was involved in numerous professional organizations, including the National Academy of Arbitrators and the Labor and Employment Relations Association. He was in executive leadership for the latter, receiving both the Susan C. Eaton Scholar-Practitioner Award for distinction in the field, and the Lifetime Achievement Award for lifelong contributions to the field of industrial relations.

He was the author and co-author of several books, monographs and journal articles, and his scholarly works and arbitration rulings were frequently cited by his colleagues. He was interviewed by national and local news stations and papers for his opinions on labor issues.

A reception and visitation with the family will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Morgan Memorial Home, 1304 Regency Drive West, Savoy, IL 61874. Private funeral services will be held in San Francisco.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, we ask for memorials to be made to the Peter Feuille Scholarship at the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois ([http://ler.illinois.edu/?page\\_id=115](http://ler.illinois.edu/?page_id=115) ([http://ler.illinois.edu/?page\\_id=115](http://ler.illinois.edu/?page_id=115))) or to Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church, 208 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61820.

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