

PETER B. WORDEN

It is with sincere regret that we report the death at his Northville, Michigan, home on Monday, October 31st, 1988, of Peter B. Worden, at age 50. Peter had struggled through a lengthy illness of five years, and his death mercifully ended his suffering. Funeral services were held on November 3rd, and interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at Southfield, Michigan. The funeral mass was celebrated by T.M.H.S. member, the Rev. Edward J. Dowling, S.J., and another T.M.H.S. member, the Rev. Peter J. Van der Linden, conducted the graveside service.

Peter Worden was born in Detroit, and his education was in Michigan and Ohio. He attended the United States Coast Guard candidates school at Yorktown, Virginia, and for more than three years he served in a position (enviable for most shipwatchers) in the Soo Control office of the Coast Guard at the Michigan Soo.

For 22 years, Pete worked for the Ford Motor Company, and with the onset of his illness, he retired as manager of cost analysis for the parts and service division. He also was a member of the board of Freshwater Press Inc., of Cleveland, and he was a long-time member of and contributor to the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. He had served as president of that society, and for many years had been associated with its publication, the "Detroit Marine Historian". As well, he was one of the co-authors of its two prestigious books in the Great Lakes Ships We Remember series, and at the time of his passing, Pete was working on a group of additional ship histories for the upcoming third volume of the series.

One of the most active collectors and preservers of marine historical data and memorabilia from the Great Lakes, Pete was a good friend to many of us, and he had been an active member of the Toronto Marine Historical Society almost since its inception. Prior to his illness, he also was a member of the group of shipwatchers and historians which has met each summer, for several decades, at Sault Ste. Marie for a period of observation, photography and editorial work.

We extend our most sincere sympathy to his wife, Suzette; to his sons Peter, Jr. and Scott; to his daughters Sheila and Peggy; to his mother, Virginia Worden, and to his brother, William, and two sisters, Virginia and Ann.

May he find Eternal Peace.

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ADDITIONAL MARINE NEWS

-- It is said that another of the smaller units of the Paterson fleet will be "flagged out" for deep-sea service, as was KINGDOC during the spring. SOODOC (II) apparently will be transferred to Polaris Navigation Ltd. for her usual winter period of off-lakes trading, this time under a new flag.

-- The tug NIPIGON (see Page 7) was running around Toronto Bay on November 27 wearing new orange, white and chocolate brown colours but no new name or port of registry. We wonder whether these could be the colours of the Carrier Construction Corp. which recently appears to have acquired the dredges LOCKEPORT and CHARLES R. HUNTLEY. If not, what is going on with NIPIGON and her former McNamara fleetmates?

-- On November 19, the tugs OHIO and SUPERIOR were upbound in the Seaway, towing U.S.S. CROAKER, en route to the naval museum at Buffalo.

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