

## **Peter Overmire FN'84 9/1/28 – 1/16/18**

Peter made his career in banking and consulting and among other things, was integral to the development and deployment of the first ATMs.

In the exploration world he was an avid climber leading trips throughout the Sierras, Alaska, Canada, and Mexico, and started leading some of the first expeditions and climbs in Afghanistan, the Himalayas, and India, and met with the Dali Lama to help encourage tourism in Tibet. An explorer at heart – we will miss Peter Overmire FN'84 -- on to Higher Explorations.

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Peter Lewin Overmire

September 1, 1928 – January 16, 2018

Peter Lewin Overmire died peacefully in his apartment at The Tamalpais in Greenbrae, Marin, California. Peter was born in Berkeley, California, the only child of Marjorie Lewin and Harold Overmire. He received his education there from grammar school to college. He developed an early interest in mountain climbing and joined the Sierra Club. He led many trips in the Sierras, Alaska, British Columbia and Baja California for the Club and began to lead foreign trips in Afghanistan in the late 1970s. He was one of the first leaders of trips to Japan and soon branched out in the Himalayas to Nepal, India and Tibet. He was a world traveler and took trips to all seven continents. As an eight and nine- year old, he started his love of travel with his grandmother and mother in Europe, driving around England, Belgium, France and Italy in 1937 through his full 4th grade school year. The family and their car travelled from San Francisco on board a freighter through the Panama Canal to England. There they met his Grandfather who was on business. Peter joined American Trust Company which became Wells Fargo Bank. He started at a branch in Berkeley and was soon sent to San Francisco to work in foreign exchange, then into computer development for banks, including the first electronic talking teller DOLLIE, and finally in strategic planning involving the first ATMs and the merging of other bank branches with Wells. He worked for Wells over 40 years. When 65 he retired early to lead a trip to Mount Kailas, a sacred mountain in

Tibet. He and his wife Rozell met with the Dali Lama in Dharmasala after this trip to talk about tourism in Tibet. When he returned from Asia, he joined banking friends to start two consulting firms. The second one, KMV, was eventually sold to Moody's and became a research department of that company. Peter walked to work and lived on Telegraph Hill for 35 years. He was involved in the Telegraph Hill Dwellers and helped in their Oral History project which is now online thanks to the San Francisco Main Library. Peter married Cynthia Sawin who he met in Junior High School. They had four children: Mona Beck, John Overmire, Charles Overmire, and Rick Overmire. They lived in Orinda and divorced after 20 years. There was a short second marriage and divorce. The third and final marriage was to Rozell Preddy Overmire, a San Francisco native, which lasted almost 38 years. He is survived by his wife Rozell, all his children, and two grandchildren, Rachel McCoy and Benjamin Overmire, and two step-grandchildren, Jennifer Sochayseng Phu and Stephanie Sochayseng. We will miss his sharp mind and sense of wordplay and quiet modest generosity.