



## Vincent K. Shaudys, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Anthropology, Geography, and Environmental Studies, Passed Away August 7, 2013



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The following has been provided by his family and colleagues.

### **Vincent K. Shaudys** **October 2, 1927 - August 7, 2013**

Vincent K. Shaudys, a longtime South Bend resident died Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at the Grays Harbor Health and Rehabilitation Center in Aberdeen. He was 85. Vincent was born October 2, 1927 in Newtown, Pennsylvania to Vincent and Anna (Kirkbride) Shaudys.

Vince was a birthright Quaker, and member of the Bucks County Makefield Monthly Meeting, at Newtown. He attended public schools in Newtown, Yardley and was a graduate of George School, a Quaker Prep School. He enlisted and served in the U.S. Navy for two years. He went on to attend Pennsylvania State University, and was graduated from Duke University with a major in History. He received Doctor of Philosophy degree in Geography from Ohio State University in 1956. While attending Ohio State he met his future wife, Jean Hazeltine, of South Bend, Wash. They were married in the South Bend Methodist Church in September of 1956.

Vince taught at University of Montana in Missoula; he was a Fulbright Professor at the University of Dacca, in East Pakistan. Then in 1962, taught at California State University in Hayward, Calif. He retired as full professor and Chairman of the Geography Department in 1991. He joined his family in South bend as a permanent resident.

In March of 2006, Vince was honored with the Reagan Award, given only to those who show outstanding commitment to the Republican cause.

In his spare time Vince enjoyed his talent at stone masonry, building walls along First Street in South Bend for the tennis court, along the parking lot at the Methodist Church in South Bend and the concrete pedestal at the Robert Bush Memorial Park.

Vince was a member of the South Bend School Board since 1994, and became

Chairman in 1998. He was also a member of the Pacific County Historical Society since 1992 and served as President for a time, beginning in 1993. a former President and current member of the South Bend Kiwanis Club, Treasurer of the United Methodist Church and Boy Scout Commissioner. He was also a member of the American Legion and on the Foundation Board for the Grays Harbor Community College.

His wife Jean survives him at the family home in South Bend, also surviving him is a son Fred, of Duvall, WA and Auckland, New Zealand; a daughter Helen and granddaughter Piper also of DuVall, WA; brothers, Hugh Shaudys of Washington Crossing, PA and Dr. Edgar Shaudys (Elizabeth) of Columbus, Ohio; brother-in-law, Dr. Fred Hazeltine (Peggy) of Des Moines and numerous nieces and nephews.

## ***Recollections of Professor Vincent Shaudys***

Professor Vincent Shaudys came to the university in 1963, back when it was known as Alameda State College. He witnessed first-hand all of its nominal transitions except the present one to California State University, East Bay. His path to our institution was unconventional to say the least. As the chair of Geography at the University of Montana, he participated in a Ford Foundation program for university administrators at Stanford one summer. There, at a social event, he met the first president of the then Alameda State College, Fred Harclerod, who subsequently brought Vince to Hayward in an administrative capacity somewhat akin to a Provost to help develop the fledgling institution, particularly through the hiring of tenure-track faculty. Prof. Shaudys, then, was an instrumental figure in establishing the original core faculty during the university's formative years.

When Ellis McCune was appointed the university's second president in 1967, Prof. Shaudys exercised his retreat rights to the Department of Geography-Anthropology and was on the faculty when those two programs became stand-alone departments in the early 1970s. He remained a member of the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies until becoming Professor Emeritus in 1992. As the department chair during his final few years, he was largely responsible for the appointments of David Larson, Scott Stine and David Woo, a trio who would anchor the Geography faculty for the next 20 years.

Vince's former colleagues recall him as a thoughtful and patient man, one who always gave the appearance of inner calm. His Quaker upbringing formed the foundation of his treatment of others with respect and openness. Long-time colleague Herb Eder remembers Vince as "a person of wide experience [who] could do about anything ... teach a course on political geography or the California Wine Country as well as build a stone wall, roof a house, or remodel a home."

For more than a decade, Prof. Shaudys willfully executed what must be the university's all-time record commute by a faculty member. Having moved his family to South Bend, a small town on Willapa Bay on the west coast of Washington, and living in an apartment in San Leandro during the mid-week, he faithfully made the trip to the family home on Thursday afternoons, returning to the East Bay on Monday night in time to teach first thing Tuesday morning. Colleagues recall he never missed a scheduled class or a meeting as a faculty member nor later as the chair. He once told me, perhaps only half in jest, that if Alaska Airlines ever started its own Hall of Fame for frequent flyers, he would be a first-ballot inductee.

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