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### **Peter Connelly**

A memorial service will be held for Peter Connelly at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, in Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell College campus.

Prof. Connelly began teaching at Grinnell in 1970 and in 1989 was appointed Carter-Adams Professor of Literature. He died July 23 in Kalispell, Mont.

A reception at Grinnell House, 1011 Park St., will follow the service.

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H-R July 27, 2000

Peter James Connelly, Carter-Adams Professor of Literature and professor of English at Grinnell College, died Sunday, July 23, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, Mont., 19 months after being diagnosed with colon cancer.

A memorial service will be held at the college in the fall.

He was born Nov. 21, 1937, in Los Angeles. He grew up in Minneapolis, attended public schools there and graduated from Carleton College in 1959 with a B.A. degree in mathematics. He served with the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1964, leaving the service as a lieutenant j.g. and radio officer on the USS Mount McKinley.

He received his Ph.D. degree in English literature from the University of Minnesota in 1970, the same year in which he received an appointment to the Grinnell College faculty. He was named to the Carter-Adams chair in 1989.

He was a member of the Modern Language Association and the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies. English literature from 1660 to 1800, and especially the poetry of Alexander Pope, were the center of his scholarly interests.

He served the college as a member of the Executive Council of the faculty, chair of the Division of Humanities and, for several terms, chair of the Department of English.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Karin Stevens Connelly of Grinnell and West Glacier, Mont., whom he met while both were studying at Carleton. Also surviving are his sons, Christopher of Washington, D.C., and Benjamin of Minneapolis; one grandson, Rocky Wagner; and Rocky's mother, Lisa, and brother, Max, all of St. Paul, Minn.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Helen Beedle Connelly, and an infant son, Jonathan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell College or to Kalispell Regional Medical Center.