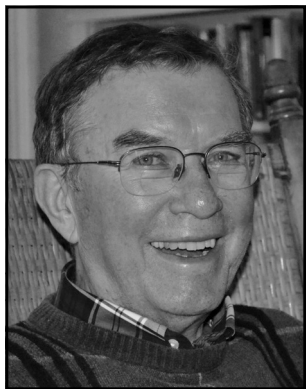


Peter Dodge Mott

As we grieve the loss of basic human rights and the degradation of our natural world we also give thanks for the life of Peter Dodge Mott, a “passionate crusader for peace and justice,” who died on May 27, 2020, at his home in Rochester. Beloved by his wife Gail, their sons John [Vlatka], Jim [Sonja], Bill [Stephanie], daughter Emily [Frederick] and grandchildren who brought him joy: Luke, Sam, Sophia, Nicholas, Ella and William. Predeceased by his brother Tony [Joan], he is survived by his brother Andrew [Gail], brother-in-law Peter Schiot [Gail], nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Peter, born in NYC in 1933, was influenced by the work of his father, Frederick D. Mott, MD, pioneer in rural and migrant health care, who established hospitals in Appalachia for the United Mine Workers and set up the first provincial universal health care system in Canada, in Saskatchewan. His mother, Marjorie, and Canadian grandparents Canon William Bertal and Eva Heeney, instilled in him a love of beauty, truth, balance, and quiet spirituality. Grandfather John R. Mott provided him with the inspiration of purpose. A graduate of Princeton University and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, Peter was Chief Resident at Bellevue Hospital, and Clinical Associate at the National Institutes of Health. A member of the Acton (MA) Medical Associates, his career took a sharp turn left after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. As part of the Kennedy-Johnson War on Poverty he helped set up neighborhood health centers in Baltimore and in Tucson, where he was Medical Director of the El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center. In Rochester he served as Director of Rochester Regional Medical Program, Medical Director of Westside Health Services, Director of Outpatient Services, St. Mary's Hospital, and as one of the first Board-certified Geriatricians at Monroe Community Hospital.

At age 60 he started his volunteer years - first creating and editing the national newsletter, INTERCONNECT: For grassroots movement-building and sharing of resources within the US-Latin America solidarity community. He co-founded the Latin America Solidarity Coalition and the Mexico Solidarity Network, was Board Chair of GVC/NYCLU, co-convenor of Rochester Committee on Latin America, and member of The Band of Rebels. In 2006 he wrote *Cancer in the Body Politic: Diagnosis and Prescription for an America in Decline*. Many will be familiar with his op-eds and letters to the editor on social justice issues.

Peter found beauty and relaxation in the garden, enjoyed paddling at Lac des Iles, cross country skiing, and draft beer with friends.

Heartfelt thanks to Bridget Wilkerson for her unparalleled care of Peter, to the URMH Hospice Team, and aide Tamika Bradley.

Those wishing to honor Peter's memory can get involved in their communities and may consider making donations to Teen Empowerment Rochester, the Alliance for Global Justice, or Citizens' Climate Lobby. More information at <http://jimmott.com/peter.html>.