

# Obituaries

## **Daniel Bruce Pecota**

A graveside service for Daniel Bruce Pecota, 68, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 5, at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Bellevue. A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 6, at Northwest College, Kirkland.

Visitation for family and friends will be from noon to 7 p.m. today and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Green Funeral Home, 400 State St., Kirkland. Dr. Pecota died in Redmond on July 1, 1997.

He was born in Passaic, N.J., on Aug. 31, 1928, and was a professor of theology and Greek at Northwest College in Kirkland, where he worked and lived for 39 years.

Dr. Pecota's survivors include his wife, Esther Pecota of Redmond; two sons, Stephen Pecota of Hamburg, Germany, and James Pecota of Kent; three brothers, Sam Pecota of Elk Grove, Calif., Joe Pecota of Cedar Lake Park, Calif., and Robert Pecota of Calistoga, Calif.; four sisters, Kay Bolin of Redwood City, Calif., Hope McLeod of McLean, Va., Vera Kloppenburg of Sacramento, Calif., and Miriam Phillips of Redding, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests remembrances in Dr. Pecota's name may be made to the Tyler James Pecota Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Northwest College, P.O. Box 579, Kirkland, WA 98083.

## **Nanette W. Peterson**

A memorial service for Nanette W. Peterson, 71, will be held at 3 p.m. today, July 3, at Green's Bellevue Funeral Home. Mrs. Peterson, a Bellevue resident for 25 years, died June 30, 1997, in Bellevue.

She was born on Jan. 23, 1926, in Santa Barbara, Calif., to Lawrence Earl Wood and Elda Kerr Wood. She attended the University of Utah.

Mrs. Peterson was employed as an office manager for a construction company. She was president of A.G.C. Office Managers and the National Association of Women in Construction, Seattle Chapter.

Her survivors include her daughter, Becky Gunn of Fremont, Calif.; her grandson, Mark Perkins of Claremont, Calif.; and her brother, Larry Wood of Cathedral City, Calif.

In addition to her survivors, she loved her dog, Toffee.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests remembrances in Mrs. Peterson's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 14450 N.E. 29th Place, Suite 220, Bellevue, WA 98007; or to the American Lung Association, 2625

Articles Published:

Gospel Publishing House- Advance Dec. 1969:  
Gospel Publishing House - Advance Dec. 1969: "Not a Piece of Cake:  
Campus Ambassador March 1960: "What Is a New Testament Church?" :  
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Paraclete Winter 1971: "The Spirit's Authority in the Old Testament"  
Spring '71  
"The Spirit's Authority Expressed Through Men"  
Pentecostal Evangel July 1968 "Modern Morals"  
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" " " Nov. 1985 "Living Bread"

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International Standard Bible Encyclopedia Contributing editor  
(10 in vol. I; 4 in vol. II; 3 in vol. III;  
undetermined as yet in vol. IV.)

Bellevue Journal-American "Reader's Forum": "Why Is It So difficult to  
Believe in a Devil?" 10-10-79, "Humanism and Creationism" 1-1-83 -  
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LIFE Publishers Outline and notes for a Spanish Study Bible  
1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles)

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Memberships you have in professional organizations:  
Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis  
Society for Pentecostal Studies

Books Authored:

Soteriology: A Study Guide ICI College Course 1976  
Man and Sin I.C.I. College Course 1985

Other:

Knowing Your Bible: Fundamentals for Sunday School Workers. G.P.H. 1970.  
(Instructor's Guide)

Tell It Like It Is. Youth Camp Curriculum. G.P.H., 1970.

Understanding the Times of Christ. G.P.H., 1969. (Instructor's Guide)

# Bicycling 921 miles for a scholarship dream

By Dan Pecota

A number of weeks ago the Journal American printed the letter I wrote to express my thanks to motorists for their kindness and courtesy to this "turtle" as I bicycled in the Rose Hill-Bridle Trails area. The caption under the picture stated that I was preparing "for a fund-raising ride this summer down the Pacific Coast Highway."

Well, we did it, thanks be to God and the kindness of many people. Our two sons, Steve and Jim, Sam Carrigan, a junior student at Northwest College in Kirkland (where I have taught for 37 years), and I bicycled mostly down 101 from Bremerton to San Francisco, a total of 921 miles. This 67-year-old, pacemaker and all, pedaled all but about two miles.

Though I don't believe, as some do, that human nature is essentially good — When did we parents ever have to tell our kids to be bad for a change? — we saw that one can choose to be kind and loving to strangers even when there is no tangible return. The world we live in seems filled with hatred, vengeance and violence. We experienced expressions of kindness and unselfish generosity that give us hope.



TYLER PECOTA

The purpose of our trek lies very close to my heart. Three years ago on May 26 our eldest grandson died of brain cancer, three days after his 10th birthday. Tyler always wanted to attend "Grampa's college." In fact, he had saved \$400 for tuition. I have had the dream since then of establishing the Tyler James Pecota Scholarship in his memory. My dream includes a total of \$100,000.

I have walked and jogged to raise funds for worthy causes such as the Northwest AIDS Foundation. One day as I biked I thought, "Why not ask friends, family and alumni and others to contribute to a scholarship



fund if I were to take on this incredible adventure?" The students responded by giving me a 24-speed Bianchi. The seniors contributed \$500. Several hundred others have pledged or given. How grateful I am for the generosity of so many.

But I am also thankful to many on our trek. Some parts of Highway 101 have nothing more than a white line for the shoulder. If you don't think that's scary, you need to try it yourself. And I appeal to you grampa R/V'ers: Be sure you know the width of your rig.

Though some motorists came close to wiping us off the road, some blared their horns at us just as they passed by, some cursed us or gave us the finger, by far and away most of them were very considerate — including all those "notorious" truckers. I cannot count the number of times I said, "Thank you, God, for their kindness. Bless them."

**I took a really** nasty spill the first day, just outside of Belfair. Thankfully no bones broken; am I grateful for a helmet. I did incur some serious abrasions from foot to elbow on my left side. We biked to Mason General Hospital in Shelton. Dr. Maltz and the emergency room staff provided professional and considerate care; Jerry in McCleary put my bike in top shape, and did it gratis; and Bob in Elma gave us a free night in his motel.

The second day became a grueling ride in the rain as we headed for Naselle. Thanks to another family, we had a stay in their home and the chance to recover in their sauna and enjoy entertainment from Finnish harps.

Later down the coast, Lisa in Tillamook would open her home to us even though she was out of town, a minister would pay for our stay in a motel

in Depoe Bay and an Abby's Legendary Pizza proprietor in Florence would give us a voucher for free pizza in Coos Bay.

Our younger son, Jim, (Tyler's dad), who battles with the onset of adult diabetes, finally joined us. As we pedaled to Gold Beach, he was really wiped out. We wondered if he could make it the rest of the way. A call to the Cornerstone

Assembly of God in Crescent City, Calif., brought one of their members to take Jim and his bike to Crescent City. The driver refused to take any money. Three other times people along the way, strangers to us, gave Jim a lift when he needed it.

North of Cummings, we discovered Highway 101 was closed because of a massive landslide. All traffic had to take a winding, two-lane detour for a number of miles. Some firemen at a fire station south of Leggett told us there was a path at the base of the slide we could take. What a Godsend they were — and what an experience. Four bikers had Highway 101 all to ourselves for about five miles.

As we bicycled along, Jim found he needed something to eat. A trucker waiting to dump his load of dirt had none but radioed to the driver ahead who provided enough to tide Jim over until we reached Latonville. Thanks, you guys.

As we continued south, college alumni and church ministers would be there to help.

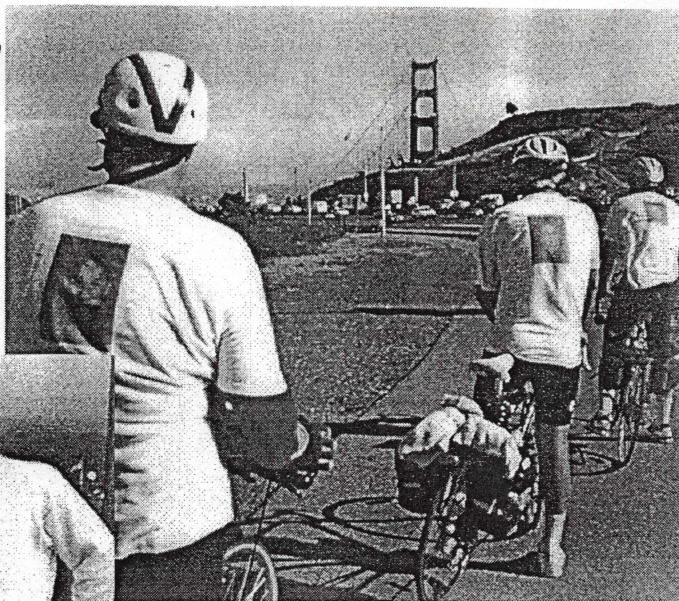
Finally, with a rush of exhilaration, we stood at the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge and realized that we had accomplished our goal. Crossing the bridge was a blast. In Golden Gate Park, relatives and boyhood friends were there to greet us.

What we learned is worth remembering: Even when the going gets tough, if you keep your goal always in your mind you can do it, and you will be pleasantly surprised at how many people are ready to help you achieve your dream.

*Pecota lives in Kirkland.*

# *We did it!*

*Thanks be to God and  
the kindness of many,  
we actually did it!*



*Steve, Jim, Sam and I above with  
the goal in sight and at left with  
our goal achieved!*

Steve, Jim (*who joined us in Florence, OR*), Sam, and I bicycled mostly downhill on highway 101 from Bremerton to San Francisco, a total of 921.3 miles. This 67 year old, pacemaker and all, pedaled all but about two miles in 14 days, with no day off. What a rush of exhilaration when we stood at the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge and realized that we had accomplished our goal! Crossing the bridge was a blast.

I took a really nasty spill the first day. Thankfully no bones were broken. Am I grateful for a helmet! It probably saved me from a skull fracture or worse. I incurred some severe abrasions from foot to elbow on my left side. I wondered, "Is this it? But the Lord inspired courage when I remembered my goal and the many people like yourself who pledged support. I couldn't let Tyler or you or future scholarship recipients down. After Sam gave me first aid we pedaled about 20 miles to the nearest hospital. They doctored me and gave me the OK to go on. YEA!

I want to thank you for your prayers for us and for your interest in the scholarship fund. If you have already sent in your contribution, **THANKS!** Some of you pledged a fixed amount and others X-amount per mile, **THANKS!** When the College receives your check we will send you a tax deductible receipt. Because one couple has pledged to cover **all** the costs related to the 'trek, I am very pleased to tell you that **every penny of your contribution will go to the scholarship fund.** YEA! Though we haven't reached it yet, I still hope and pray that my dream of \$100,000 will come to pass.

What next? I don't know, but I have no immediate plans to pedal across the states.

*Sincerely and with a ton of love and appreciation,*

Doc

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**REVEREND DANIEL B. PECOTA**

Dr. Daniel Pecota, affectionately known as "Doc" went to be with the Lord following a progressive illness on July 1, 1997. His impact on the Kingdom of God and in the lives of students at Northwest College for 39 years is immeasurable. Dr. Pecota's memorial service will be held Sunday, July 6 at 3:00 PM at the Northwest College chapel. Viewing will take place Thursday, July 3 from 12:00 noon to 7:00 PM and Saturday, July 5, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am for out of area family at Green's Funeral Home in Kirkland, Washington. There will be a private interment for family on Saturday, July 5, at 11:00 am at Sunset Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial donations or designations to the TYLER PECOTA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Dr. Daniel B. Pecota

On behalf of the Northwest College faculty and administration, I am pleased to introduce Daniel Pecota to you today.

In a profession noted for outstanding people, the question would arise, "What sets a person apart? What makes him a cut above?"

Dan Pecota has been part of the Northwest College family since 1958. He is a professor of Religion, teaching New Testament Greek, Christian Doctrine, and Principles of Interpretation, and Most recently he spent time in Magadan Russia, the land of his heritage, teaching Bible courses. He also serves as Divisional Coordinator of Religious and Ministerial Studies.

Professor Pecota's academic credentials include a Bachelor of Arts from Southern California College, Masters of Divinity and of Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Ministries from Philips University.

In addition to these professional credentials, Dan is an ordained minister in the Northwest District and a elder, teacher, and member of Calvary Chapel Assembly of God in Seattle. He has been a member of the board of Metanoia Ministries of Seattle, an interdenominational Christian ministry to those seeking to be free from homosexuality. He is also a member of the advisory board of New Horizons Ministries, an outreach ministry to street

kids in Seattle. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis for Pentecostal Studies.

Again the question, "What sets a man apart?"

Dan Pecota is addressed affectionately by students and alumni of Northwest College as "Doctor Dan." He is known for his fairness, his honesty, for his love for his students. Also, he is recognized as a scholar and an inspiring communicator. His students know him as a man who always has time to listen. And, perhaps most of all, he is admired and respected for his personal and professional integrity.

In recognition of Dan and Esther Pecota, a building on the Northwest College campus bears the Pecota name. However, the greatest legacy Professor Pecota will ultimately leave for the students and staff of Northwest College is the life-long effect he has made on so many lives in understanding the Scripture and knowing the Author of the Word.