

**“Not going to get off this planet any other way...”**

## ***Peter A. Demma***



**May 25th, 1937  
To  
August 28th, 2015**

Dear Friends and Family,

Announcing to you, in sadness but, more so, the great happiness with being blessed to have shared a life with and now share the departure of “legendary” Peter Demma:

It could not have been more to his choosing of how and where to leave us here on Earth than that Friday afternoon, August 28 at my home: St. George Residence, Santa Cruz, CA (old St. George Hotel above the Hip Pocket Bookstore owned and run by him in 1964, 6 months before I was born).

After about 3 hours of song requests from the 60's and asking me about the well being of many friends (unusual behavior since his stroke 10 years ago). Dad had a mere touch of death in my arms. Shortly he came back to breathing and a somewhat (or some kind of) state of conscience at 4:20p.m. As I looked in his eyes for what I felt to be the last, he exited via ambulance to Dominican Hospital therefore leading to his actual "place of death" at 8:33p.m. that night.

# Please join Peter's Life Celebration Ceremonies to follow:

**Sunday, September 27th, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Veterans Hall,  
Front Street, Santa Cruz. Including; photos, stand up speeches (all are  
welcome to contribute), Honored Guards, Taps performance and 21gun  
salute.**

Honorary Veterans Memorial Ceremony  
October 26th, (time to be announced)

Place of burial San Joaquin Valley Veterans Cemetery  
Includes Gravesite with Tombstone Military Service

If you are interested in joining please reply to this e-mail.

There will also be numerous occasions in Celebration to be continued with  
Peter Demma's Notorious History here in Santa Cruz (hopefully in coordination  
with those that were a part of this history). If you are interested or have any  
archives of relation etc.. Reply e-mail and I will keep an ongoing mailing list.

Thank you to all who have enjoyed times in his presence and made his life enjoyable in  
exchange.

Lovingly,  
Melyssa Demma