



Peter J. Paulson, Director of the New York State Library from 1972 to 1985, died on September 29, 2006, at Albany Memorial Hospital, at the age of 78. In addition to his work at the State Library, Peter was President of the New York Library Association (1975) and Assistant Adjunct Professor at SUNY from 1960 to 1971. After his retirement from state government service in 1985, he served as Executive Director of the former Forest Press, now OCLC, for ten years.

During his tenure at the State Library, Peter oversaw the move of the Library from the Education Building to the Cultural Education Center, home of the New Netherland Project and the New Netherland Institute. He was a leader in the State Library's efforts to secure support for the New Netherland Project's translation of early Dutch colonial records. One of the founders of the Friends of the New Netherland Project, later Friends of New Netherland and now the New Netherland Institute, he served the Project's support organization as trustee, as its third president from January 1997 to January 2000, and as its treasurer from December 2003 through December 2005, when failing health compelled him to resign his position. On February 1, 2006, in recognition of his exemplary contributions, the Board of Trustees of the New Netherland Institute granted him the status of trustee emeritus.

The staff of the New Netherland Project and the Board and Membership of the New Netherland Institute mourn the passing of a kind, wise, and dedicated friend, and extend their heartfelt condolences to Peter's family.

A volume entitled *New Netherland Papers, 1630-1660*, formerly known as the "Bontemantel Collection," which is presently being edited and annotated by Dr. Martha Shattuck, will be dedicated to Peter's memory.

Your tax-deductible donation toward this publication in Peter's honor may be sent to:

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Condolences may be sent to his daughter, Debora Liburdi, 424 2nd Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189.