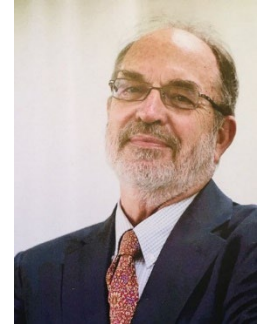


# Duane Osheim Obituary

Duane Jeffrey Osheim

May 28, 1942 - October 31, 2024



Duane Jeffrey Osheim died at home in Charlottesville, Virginia on October 31, 2024 surrounded by his beloved family. The cause of death was Blastoid Mantle Cell Lymphoma, a very aggressive cancer. He was 82 years old.

Duane was born on May 28, 1942 and grew up in the small Norwegian community of Roland, Iowa. His parents were Orris Jeffrey Osheim and Ellen Teig Osheim. Growing up Duane became familiar with all aspects of chickens by assisting his father, a poultry geneticist. He also helped on his uncles' farms. As a senior in high school, Duane's first date was with a freshman, Yvonne Nelson, whom he married nine years later.

He graduated from Luther College in 1964, received a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska in 1967, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis in 1973.

Duane's research focused on Medieval and early Renaissance Italian history. He and Yvonne spent a year in Lucca, Italy where he worked on his dissertation and where they had many adventures. Following graduation he received the "Prix de Rome" which allowed him to spend two years at the American Academy in Rome continuing his research on the Church in Tuscany.

In 1976 he was hired by the UVA history department where he taught for 38 years and served in the dean's office and as department chair. Giving popular

lectures, advising graduate students, and working with colleagues led to a fulfilling career.

After retiring in 2014 Duane traveled, played golf, and kept in touch with colleagues at a weekly Seminar. He helped a friend manage a herd of black Angus cows and spent time woodworking, building a cradle for his grandson with black walnut collected by Duane's own father. He and Yvonne also served as cat sitters for a retired UVA professor in her Venetian apartment.

Duane was loved by his family and friends. He was a kind, intellectually curious person with wide-ranging knowledge that he enjoyed sharing with everyone around him. During the pandemic he began teaching a Sunday school class from a historical perspective which became his new research passion.

He is survived by his wife Yvonne, his son Erik, his daughter Christina, his daughter-in-law Kathrinne, and his grandson Lars. He is also survived by his sisters Mary Ellen and Cheryl, his brothers Dwight and Steven, his sisters-in-law Mary and Elaine, and their families.

His family would like to thank Dr. Michael Williams and his excellent staff for their prompt, state-of-the-art treatment which gave Duane a wonderful spring and summer. Hospice of the Piedmont ensured that Duane's last days were comfortable and peaceful, and his family really appreciated Duane's relatives who all made several trips from distant states to visit him and help with his care.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 9 at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

For those who wish to make a memorial donation the family suggests one of:

- St. Mark Lutheran Church: 100 Alderman Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903.

- The Hospice of the Piedmont: 675 Peter Jefferson Pkwy., Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911.

- Loaves and Fishes Food Bank: 2050 Lambs Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901.

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