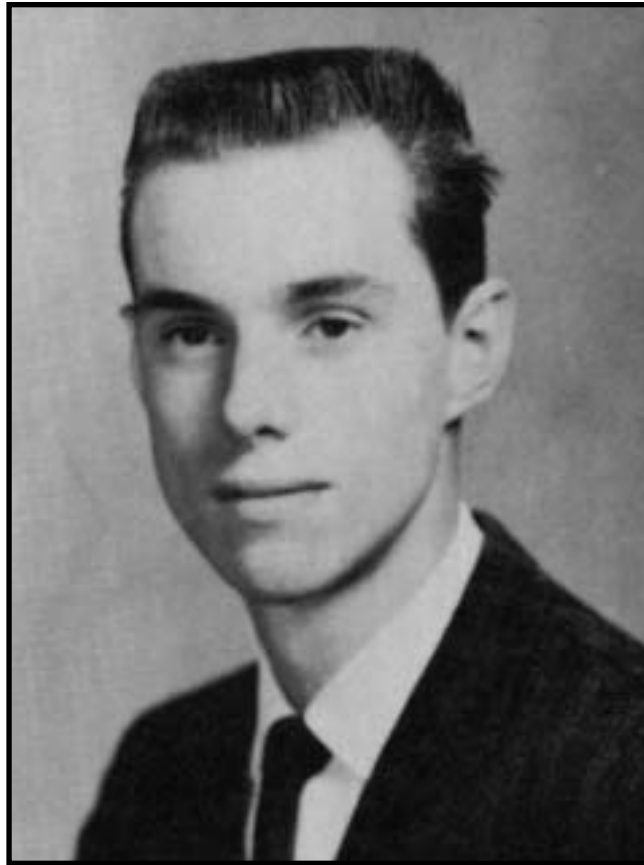


Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame



Peter N. Shive
Educator, Geologist, Disc Golf Champion
Class of 1959

Peter Shive is truly one of Watchung Hills' "originals." His father, D. John Shive, one of Watchung Hills' original board members, was instrumental in creating and shaping the regional district. Peter became a member of the Class of 1959 on the new campus, where he would distinguish himself as an honor roll student, a member of the judicial board and All-School Council, senior class president, participant on the track and wrestling teams.

Salutatorian of his class, Peter went on to Wesleyan University, where he majored in Geology. Four years later, in 1968, he earned his doctorate in Geophysics from Stanford University and followed up with post-doctoral studies from the same institution. He himself eventually became Professor of Geology, Geophysics and Astronomy at the University of Wyoming, where he would serve, in one capacity or another, until 1997. (He is now Professor Emeritus.)

During his professional life, he worked on projects such as continental drift, rock magnetism, paleomagnetism, seismology, and he even analyzed the moon rocks returned by the Apollo astronauts. He has authored or collaborated on some 75 journal articles, directed or co-directed about 25 grants from the National Science Foundation and NASA. During this period he also garnered several prestigious awards for excellence in teaching.

In Peter's third (and present) life phase, he has gained notice as a disc golf player, having won over 70 tournaments as well as ten Professional World Championships. Named a PDGA Senior Player of the Year, he was also elected to the PDGA's Board of Directors.