

In Memoriam Peter Gordon Verity

My good friend, Peter Verity, died unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, December 31. He was only 56 years old.

Verity had been a Professor of Biological Oceanography at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography since 1986, 2 years after obtaining his PhD from the University of Rhode Island.

Before becoming an eminent expert and a great lecturer in ocean science, Peter started his outstanding career in microzooplankton research. He published an impressive number of papers, thus improving our understanding of marine ecosystems. He was admired by his many friends and colleagues and by his numerous students.

Verity was one of our most effective and constructive Editors for Marine Ecology Progress Series (MEPS) and Aquatic Microbial Ecology (AME).

Peter was direct and prompt whenever requested to review a manuscript. Inter-Research will miss him, as will many members of the scientific community.

Peter was deeply involved in environmental concerns—much beyond his own research. As stated in the funeral oration of Skidaway Institute:

‘Verity was a frequent speaker to local civic and environmental groups. He was recently awarded the prestigious Nick Williams Award for Coastal Sustainability by the Center for a Sustainable Coast ... Verity was also a dedicated and passionate teacher who believed that perhaps the most important contribution of his professional career would be the legacy of his teaching and outreach efforts ... As a person, Peter was uniquely gifted in his ability to inspire and motivate those around him to examine their priorities and to reach valuable realizations about what matters most ... He was someone worth knowing and who impacted his family, friends, students, teachers, and colleagues profoundly’.



Peter Gordon Verity (1953–2009)

On behalf of all Inter-Research staff, I herewith present my deepest condolences to Peter's wife, Melanie Elizabeth Mirande, and his other relatives.

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