



David outside the home he and Penny shared on Hillcrest Road in Deephaven

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Deephaven Man's Tribute Honors Wife's Memory And Her Wisdom

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When all labels are stripped away, what is left? David Bosselmann wants people to know the heart of his soulmate, best friend and wife, Penny Walker Bosselmann. The new book, *Penroe: In Another Field Without Time* (KM2 Publishers, Northfield, Minn., Dec., 2014, \$15), is a tribute that honors her life, her writing and their relationship, hallmarks of a touching love story. Yet, the narrative is more complex.

Penny's voice, personality, philosophy, and humor come to life through selections

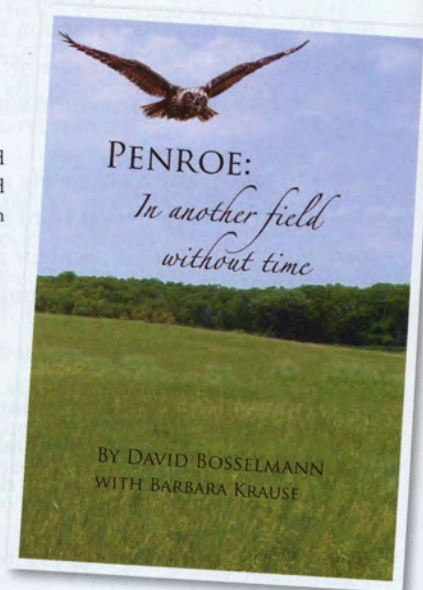
taken from personal diaries, journal writings and six notebooks. A nature mystic, she boldly lives the gnawing questions of life: the death of her father, her own aneurysm, a battle with cancer. Repeatedly coming face-to-face with mortality, her authenticity speaks, leaving a legacy of beauty and wisdom.

Penny died of ovarian cancer in 2007. She was 72. *Penroe: In Another Field Without Time* is a captivating fusion of biography, poetry and memoir. Artistic layouts and pictures echo Penny's mysti-

cal spirit and complement the symbolism in her writing. Creative voices continue the nature mystic theme.

The poem below appears in the book's introduction.

Pearls falling everywhere, more than a king's ransom on the grass and loud as the voices of his court and it's a good thing. Trees behind the house, as hungry as we are for bread.



*Roots opening beneath me,
I hear them humming.
These low grey clouds run
across the sky clapping their
hands
and all is changed as though
a child had been born.*
"Rain"
September 20, 2004



**Beyond Penny and David's
Love Story**

Penny and David met at St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Deephaven, MN, in 1982. At the time, Penny was working as a dance therapist at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and David was the head of an investment advisory firm. Penny, who had been divorced for nearly seven years, and David, who was just beginning the divorce process, had similar values. They also enjoyed music, nature and the wisdom of animals.

"Penny had the capacity to connect emotionally. She was open and she was interested," said David Bosselmann, who immediately sensed that Penny was someone special. "We loved to hang out together." The couple's favorite activities were hiking together at Carver Park, visiting the shops of Wayzata or Excelsior on Saturday mornings, and taking trips to the North Shore along Lake Superior. "Penny would often write about our excursions in her journal," he said. They married in 1985.

Unfortunately, the euphoria they had found with each other was not destined to last. In spring of 1999, Penny learned she had ovarian cancer. "After Penny received her diagnosis, we bought a modest home in Sarasota County, Fla., that became our sanctuary from her illness," said David, smiling fondly as he looked at an early picture of Penny running on Siesta Key Beach. Although Penny maintained a positive attitude and worked with both traditional and alternative healing methods to halt her cancer, she succumbed to the disease in late December, 2007. She was 72.

At Penny's memorial service on January 19, 2008, David made the decision to write a book about her life. In reality, the book would take nearly seven years to complete.

David Bosselmann's goal for *Penroe: In Another Field Without Time* is to honor Penny, her work and her authenticity. "I want people to feel encouraged, rather than alone, when dealing with life's 'rough patches' as Penny would say. Divorce, cancer, and grief, my personal rough patches, were eased by nature's beauty, Penny's words, and memories of our relationship. We were a country of two," said David, who acknowledges that writing the book has helped him deal with his grief.

Copies of *Penroe: In Another Field Without Time* are available for purchase on the website, www.penroe.net, as well as The Marsh in Minnetonka and Excelsior Bay Books. The book retails for \$15. All proceeds will be donated to Penny's favorite charity: The Nature Conservancy.

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