



Wayne Lenhard

November 19, 2022

Wayne's courageous battle with ALS ended 11/19/22 at the age of 66. Wayne was born in New York to Dolores and Oswald Lenhard. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 41 years, his brothers, Doug and Craig, his sister Terry and nephews and nieces. After graduating from high school he served 6 years in the Navy. Upon leaving the Navy, Wayne worked as a Field Technician for Raytheon at Grumman in Long Island, NY. Wayne and Mary met and married in New York. In 1981 and moved to Santa Barbara two years later. The outdoors was their second home. They went camping and hiking at numerous National Parks. Wayne loved competition; racket ball, table tennis, half marathons, sprint triathlon, Olympic triathlon, 3-mile swim, and bike races were the sports he enjoyed. His accomplishments include Toastmasters where he is known for his jokes and Tall Tale stories. His hobby and home business (Cathedral Peak) was in woodworking.

On Monday December 5th a funeral mass will be held for Wayne at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 11:00 A.M. A celebration of Wayne's life will be held immediately after mass at Leadbetter Beach at the picnic area.

Donations may be made to:

- ALS Golden West Chapter

www.alsgoldenwest.org – in memory of Wayne Lenhard

- Sansum Clinic – Palliative Care

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Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
1740 Cliff Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
(805) 962-0411

Tribute Wall

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“ As Wayne's sister, I have lots of memories of Wayne. As a family, we camped often, and I have wonderful memories of those camping trips from Niagara Falls to Florida, upstate NY with friends and Seagrams 7, and the one with my parents and Mary in Germany. He wasn't feeling well on part of that trip, and I have a picture of him sleeping with his head on the table.

My husband Billy and I loved to go out to Santa Barbara to visit Wayne and Mary, we had some great times. Billy and I both remember the visit when Santa Barbara had "First Night". There were fire works on the beach, and as we walked to the beach, a woman carrying her dog asked us if we knew where the fire works would be because her dog was afraid of them. Before we could even answer, the fire works went off very close to where we were standing, surprising us all. We all felt sorry for the dog. Wayne took us on many hikes, and on a few bicycle rides - being from flat Long Island, those hilly rides took a toll on us. I'm sure he heard us cursing him as we walked our bikes up the hill to catch up to him. Because of the time difference, when we called each other, we would be on the phone for hours. There were so many things that Wayne taught me, advice that I still take today, and that will always make me think of him. I will miss him, but I know he is in a better place. Love you Wayne

Terri Moore - December 04, 2022 at 04:56 PM

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I have been friends with Wayne and Mary for over 40 years...feels like a lifetime. Wayne and I quickly became friends and over the years we worked together on the job and outside of the office, we replaced the roof on his house in Goleta, as well we worked on the house in Santa Barbara. Wayne was well accomplished..a life partner with Mary...Engineer at work...always ready for the next challenge and outside of the office, athletic and his genuine mild nature, easy going way, quick wit and love by many. You will be missed Wayne.

Howard Malmad - December 05, 2022 at 04:57 PM

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Terri Moore - December 04, 2022 at 04:38 PM

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“ Susie & Matt Browne lit a candle in memory of Wayne Lenhard



Susie & Matt Browne - December 03, 2022 at 05:55 PM

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“ It will be seven years ago in January that I first took my then 6 year old rescue dog Lulu to the Douglas Preserve. It was around that time that I met Wayne walking with his new puppy Luna. We were on similar schedules and often ran into each other. We talked about life while the dogs explored and played. It was lovely.

I clearly remember the day that Wayne told a few of us that he had a strange experience on his morning ocean swim that day. As he was returning to shore, his arms wouldn't work right, so he had to float in on his back. We were concerned, but not yet alarmed. That might have been the first indication of the nasty illness that would overtake him.

Later, Wayne told a few of us, his friends at the dog park, about his diagnosis - ALS. We were distraught.

Wayne didn't lament or complain. His first concern was for Mary. He had been wishing she would get a newer, safer car, but she was used to the one she had and was content with it. In spite of her reluctance to make that change, Wayne asked me to go to Ventura with him to pick out a new one. Not only did he pick it out that day, he had me drive it home to her!

Not much later, Wayne had a weekly appointment in Ventura for Physical Therapy training and exercises. Mary was not interested practicing with her new car, so I would drive them down and back. Those trips were so much fun. Mary was in the back seat and we were all three talking and laughing. It was a delight to be with the two of them and share in their affection for one another. Wayne kept us happy and Mary cheered him on! Those are special and precious memories for me.

I understand that bad things can happen to good people. Wayne was positive and stoic; Mary was devoted and unwavering. They are a very kind, generous and loving couple who should not have had that tragedy visited upon them. I am heartbroken by it.

However, I feel blessed that I had the opportunity to get to know them.

Much love, Nancy

Nancy Ferguson - December 02, 2022 at 10:48 PM