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February 25, 1937 - August 31, 2016

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Stephen Teed Waller died on August 31, 2016. He was 79 years old.

Steve was born in Torrance, CA, on February 25, 1937; but shortly after his birth, he and his family moved away and eventually settled in Georgia, where he lived until he went off to college at Clemson University in South Carolina, of which he was a proud graduate, earning a degree in electrical engineering.

After graduation, he moved to Southern California to work in the aerospace industry and later to earn a degree in mechanical engineering from USC. His first engineering job was with Wylie Laboratories in Torrance. Later, he worked at Hughes Aircraft, and finally at Allied Laboratories, which became Honeywell, from which he retired in 1994. He and Jean raised their family in San Pedro, where Steve volunteered for the YMCA, running the annual Christmas tree lot.

After he retired, he and Jean moved to the home he built in Bear Valley Springs; and for 15 years, he volunteered as a math tutor at Monroe High School, a job he loved.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean Ellen Waller; and by his two children, David Waller (Christie) of Las Vegas, NV, and Anne Lalama (Marc) of Las Vegas, NV; grandchildren, Mason Froyd and Tanner Froyd, also from Las Vegas, NV; and by his brother, Donald K. Waller (Jean) of Templeton, California.

Steve's curiosity was never ending, his generosity was enormous, and his memory envied by all who knew him. Despite his numerous skills and big heart, he was humble and grateful. He will be missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Lung Association in Stephen's name would

be appreciated.

Wood Family Funeral Service has been entrusted with his care.

Comments



“ It is still hard to believe our dear friend, Steve, is gone. He and Jean were like family to us, having been friends for more than 50 years. Together we celebrated our joys and we grieved our sorrows. We always knew that if we ever needed anything, we could count on Steve, and we could especially count on him when we needed to know how to fix something. Recently, he helped our college age granddaughter solve a physics problem, even though she was in Michigan and he was in California.

We had many philosophical conversations as Steve was a thinker and a humanitarian and with his phenomenal memory he could add information about historical events we'd long forgotten about. And he was an optimist. I remember asking him recently if he thought life was improving for future generations, and he said, "absolutely." He cited medical advances as an example.

Most of all, we will miss Steve's generous spirit and his love for his family and friends.

We feel blessed to have been his friend and our entire family grieves his loss, but we will never forget him. We send our condolences and our prayers to Jean and all her family.

John and Sharon Olbert,
Tucson, Az

Sharon Olbert - September 15, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ Without Steve's expert engineering and carpentry support I never would have had the lifesaving, Endless indoor pool that has kept me going for many years, to this day. His and Jean's friendship has been a highlight of my time in Bear Valley Springs. We will sorely miss them. Patricia Thompson and Ed Milavitch

Patricia Thompson - September 03, 2016 at 02:31 PM