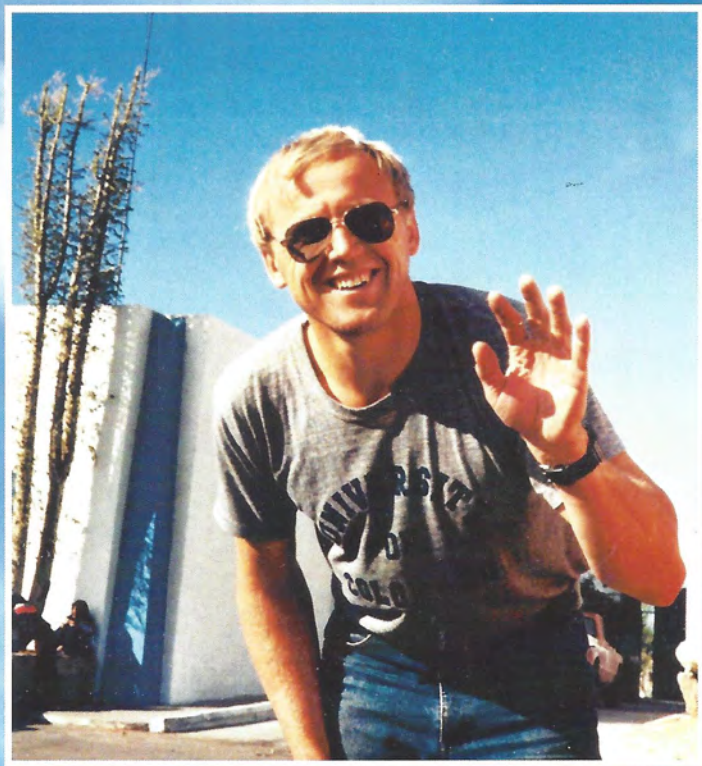


A Celebration of the Life of
Werner Raphael Landry



September 18, 1946- June 3, 2017

“I like geography best, he said,
because your mountains and rivers know the secret:
pay no attention to boundaries.”

Brian Andreas

Werner Landry's life was an adventure!

Born in Bremerhaven, Germany, he moved to the United States when he was ten years old. He joined the Marine Corps when he was 19 and served in Vietnam as a radar technician. When he returned to San Diego he attended San Diego State University and earned a degree in Geology. He enjoyed a long career as a geologist and spent the last 17 years working for the City of San Diego as a Senior Geologist before retiring in 2009.

He married Kelly Davenport in 1978 and they had two daughters, Lhasa and Megan. He loved being a father. They went on many adventures as a family, flying in their small plane to Baja California, hiking and skiing in the Sierra, bareboating in the Virgin Islands just to name a few.

In 2006, he married Allison Sherwood and together they continued to have great adventures; riding to Sturgis, North Dakota on their Harley; sailing in the Virgin Islands, vacationing in Hawaii, hiking in the Alps and a trek to the Everest base camp. They loved riding their horses and working on their beloved ranch in Baja California.

His passion for the outdoors took him around the world. He was an accomplished rock climber and mountaineer, traveling to Nepal, Pakistan, Argentina, France, Alaska and Mexico for various climbing expeditions.

He enjoyed kayaking, scuba and free diving, spearfishing, sailing, hiking, skiing, horseback riding, cycling, running, swimming, hunting and motorcycle riding. He loved to share his excitement for adventure with his family and friends, and our lives were enriched because of this.

He will be greatly missed.



The San Diego geology community is saddened by the loss of Werner Landry last month. On a personal level, Werner was kind enough to let me use the City's shake table for my 7th grade science fair project. I will be forever thankful to him as it propelled me to pursue a career in Geology.

--Ken Haase (SDAG Secretary)

See Diane's Murbach letter to his Werner's wife below:

Dear Allison:

On behalf of the San Diego Association of Geologists (SDAG), a committee of the San Diego Geological Society, Inc. (SDGS), we would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband Werner Landry.

Werner served as an officer for SDAG, completing his volunteer geologic service as our Past President in 1998. Werner's name is listed as a Past President on our web site (<http://www.sandiegogeologists.org/>). Werner organized our annual 1997 geologic field trip, and was an editor for our 1997 publication titled "Santa Cruz Island Geology Field Trip Guide," edited by James R. Boles and Werner Landry.

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others. May you find comfort knowing that one so special will live on in the hearts of so many.

With warm regards,
Diane Murbach - Secretary SDGS

A Statement from PJ FitzGerald:

It is with deep sadness we share the news that our friend and former colleague, Werner Landry, passed away over the weekend after a challenging illness. Werner worked many years at DSD as the Senior Engineering Geologist, and for a time served as Interim Assistant Deputy Director, in the Building/Construction & Safety Division. In that position he provided geotechnical expertise on building permits issued by the department, including for many high-profile projects contributing to the redevelopment of downtown



San Diego, and was frequently called upon to represent DSD for landslide and slope failure emergencies. Werner also served as a member of the San Diego region Urban Search and Rescue (USR) team, where he utilized his geotechnical expertise, as well as his skills as a mountaineer and former Marine medic. Out of the office, Werner lectured for The San Diego Natural History Museum, and was internationally acclaimed as an expert mountain climber -- for over 35 years he guided and led climbing expeditions to Nepal, Pakistan, Alaska, South America, Mexico, and Europe, including scaling Mont Blanc in the Himalayas. After retiring from the City in 2007, he spent a lot of time in Mexico learning to be a cowboy on his ranch, travelling, sailing, triathlon-ing and enjoying life with his wife, Allison Sherwood, also a former DSD colleague.

RIP Werner, you will be missed.

Plans for services are underway and will be shared when available.

PJ FitzGerald

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