



Terry Wayne Van Valkenburgh

August 22, 1944 - December 9, 2024

Terry Wayne Van Valkenburgh, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on December 9, 2024, in South Jordan, Utah, at the age of 80, after a long battle with Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy.

Born on August 22, 1944, in Kingston, New York, Terry was the oldest of four children to Donald and Augusta Van Valkenburgh. Growing up on the family farm, Terry learned early the value of hard work, a lesson he carried with him his whole life. His siblings, Craig (Judith), Brion (Pat), and Donna (Andy), looked up to him as a role model and appreciated his dedication to both family and work.

Terry married his high school sweetheart, Karla Serdienenis, on January 28, 1967. Together they built a life of love, raising four children: Pamela Dixon (Dave), Lonny Van Valkenburgh (Tava), Monty Van Valkenburgh, and Marcia Whitman (Charles). He always made sure to be there for his kids whether it was helping with homework, coaching their sports teams, or teaching them life lessons. His favorite piece of advice, "The choices you make now can and will affect the choices you can make in the future," stayed with his children and he was right.

Terry began his career as a lab technician in the medical field but found his true calling in computers, a field that suited him perfectly. His career took him

to California, Texas and Utah, where he found both success and fulfillment. After retiring he continued to consult, staying connected to his passion for technology.

Outside of work, Terry had a love for fitness and weightlifting. His spiritual journey began in the mid-70s when he and Karla joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). Terry became well-known in his community for his selfless service, whether it was leading projects, helping with church events or mentoring youth. He loved coaching youth sports and was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He also served as a Scout leader, sharing his own experience as an Eagle Scout. He was the only scout in Woodstock Troop 34 to earn his Eagle Scout award.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Augusta Van Valkenburgh. He leaves behind his wife, Karla; their four children; and eight grandchildren: TeTori, Zealin, Tahi, and Koro Dixon; Kaelyn, Cope, and Cash Whitman; and Tylee Van Valkenburgh. He is also survived by his siblings and many friends who will miss him dearly.

Terry's life was a true example of hard work, kindness, and love. He leaves behind a legacy of service to others and a deep commitment to his family. His warmth, humor, and unwavering support will be remembered by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

There will be a small grave site gathering at Oakmont Memorial Park, 2099 Reliez Valley Rd., Lafayette, California 94549 on Tuesday December 17, 2024 at 11:30am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 17. 11:30 AM (MT)

Oakmont Memorial Park
2099 Reliez Valley Road
Lafayette, CA 94549

Tribute Wall



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Serenity Funeral Home - December 13, 2024 at 12:38 PM