



George Wayne Peak

November 20, 1938 - August 24, 2018

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Wayne died peacefully on August 24, 2018 at his home after a prolonged illness. He was surrounded by members of his family and his Hospice nurse.

He was born on November 20, 1938, in Sedalia, Missouri. He was the only child of Nadine M. (Hausam) Peak and George W. Peak.

Wayne was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colorado (Boulder) in 1961, whereupon he was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He served three years aboard the USS Midway, making several cruises to the Far East. He was discharged in June 1964, with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

On July 25, 1964, he married Susan E. Ferguson of Edmunds, Washington. They had two sons, Christopher Burns Peak and Jeffrey Wade Peak.

Wayne received a PhD in Political Science from the University of Oregon in 1971 and joined the faculty of Virginia Tech. In 1974 he and his family moved to Fort Collins where he joined the faculty of Colorado State University. He remained at CSU until his retirement in 2003, having served as Chair of the Department of Political Science from 1993 to 2003. Wayne is succeeded by his wife, Susan; sons, Christopher (Eden) of Seattle, Washington, Jeffrey (Katy) of Palisade, Colorado; four grandchildren: Clara and August of Seattle and Huxley and Simon of Palisade.

Wayne requested that no memorial service be held but that friends toast his memory with a nice glass of wine.

Comments



“ The Peak family will always be interconnected to the Anderson family! So many hours, so many years, watching our children grow up in the Fort Collins swimming community through FAST as well as through high school swimming experiences. We were welcomed into FAST through Susan, Wayne, Chris, & Jeff. Wayne was the president of the board when our kids, Ryan and Megan joined, & was always involved in the success of the club as it helped our children be successful in all walks of life. Wayne always had a way of getting to the real nitty gritty of any issue that needed to be addressed! His warm & friendly smile always lightened the day! We will always treasure the time spent with Wayne & the Peak family. Wayne & Susan's legacy will always be present through the lives of their children & grandchildren. Here's to Wayne and the wonderful memories that he createdOur glass of wine in hand!

Dave & Katie Anderson

Katie Anderson - September 02, 2018 at 10:44 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of his passing. Always remember him with a smile. Peace be with all of you. Sincere condolences.

Brett Berrong

Brett Berrong - August 29, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ While we did not know Wayne very long, we so enjoyed his wit, his love of history and his appreciation for a good glass of wine. Paul and I will miss him. Much love Susan to you and your family.

Joan and Paul McKibben

Joan McKibben - August 29, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ Dr. Peak was a very kind man who went out of his way to provide opportunities for me and others. Thank you for your generosity and heartfelt condolences to your family.

K. Scott McCoy, Esq.

Scott McCoy, Scottsdale AZ - August 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ Susan and family So sorry to hear about Wayne. He was one of the best, and it was such a pleasure to work for him. I don't know if Wayne told you, but he and my husband Jim were on the Midway ship around the same time. Jim had a "cruise book" or whatever it was, and he was able to locate a picture of him as an officer. I'm not sure what happened to that book. I read that you shared over 50 years of marriage. Just remember all the wonderful memories you have! You are in my thoughts... Take care of yourself. All the best.
Earlene Bell

Earlene E Bell - August 29, 2018 at 10:44 AM



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K. Scott McCoy, Esq.

K. Scott McCoy - August 29, 2018 at 01:29 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Wayne's death. He was a very kind, caring person with an infectious smile. Susan, Chris and Jeff, please accept my condolences. I have such fond memories of Chris in my class.

Love, Elaine Boni

Elaine Boni - August 31, 2018 at 12:23 PM



“ What a beautiful obituary and tribute to a wonderful man.
with love from Barbara Widom Wilson

Barbara - September 10, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ Dear Susan and Family, I was saddened to hear of Wayne's death, and have fond memories of our friendship. I knew Wayne from high school days, where we ran in the same circles and shared experiences in the sports of the day, mainly football and basketball. We also served together on the student council, which pointed perhaps to our lifelong interest in things political. He was always an open, honest soul, and I am sure he carried that through in his long career in teaching. My thoughts will continue to be with you in the months to come.

Most sincerely, Fred Moseley

Fred Moseley - September 28, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ Susan, it is with sadness that Ron and I learned of Wayne's passing. He was such a wonderful man and we know he made you and your entire family central to his life. Susan and I were friends in high school and married within a week of each other in 1964. Thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

With love from Judi

judi harper - November 08, 2018 at 10:32 PM