



Ranney Wellington Thayer

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Ranney Wellington Thayer was born on January 3, 1944 in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Robert Lyman Thayer and Louise Ranney. He grew up in Boston, Schenectady, the Florida Keys, and Philadelphia. He spent several summers at an outdoor camp in the wilderness of Ontario, Canada, canoeing and sailing. While a prep school student in Philadelphia, Ranney went on summer trips to the Western US, which resonated with him and piqued an interest in someday living out West. He graduated from William Penn Charter School in 1961 and received a B.A. in Government from Harvard University in 1965. In 1965, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy and served in the Mediterranean in the Sixth Fleet on the Flagship cruiser U.S.S. Springfield. Following his two years as a Naval Officer, Ranney relocated to California and worked at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco while serving in the Navy Reserves. He graduated with an MBA from UC Berkeley in 1970 and began working at Ford Motor Company in 1971. Ranney worked as a Marketing Analyst for Ford and later as a Contract Administrator for Ford Aerospace, Loral and Lockheed Martin. Ranney also held a Juris Doctor degree from Santa Clara University. He was an avid sailor and enjoyed taking his friends and family out on his sailboats on San Francisco Bay. Ranney also enjoyed international travel with his wife Kathy to Europe, Canada, South America, Central America, the South Pacific, the Middle East, and North Africa. He was passionate about family and his church community. He is survived by his wife of 30 years Kathleen Thayer, his children Janice Candelario, John Thayer, and Caroline Gibson, grandchildren Sophia Candelario, David Candelario, Colin Gibson, and Connor Gibson, siblings Robert Thayer, Victoria Thayer, and Joseph Thayer, stepchildren Larisa Usich and Bryan Crapo, children-in-law Gregorio Candelario, Chris Gibson, Iryna Thayer, John Usich, and Tonya Crapo, and step grandchildren Evelyn Usich, Nick Usich, and Bryce Crapo. Memorials can be sent payable to San Francisco Swedenborgian Church,



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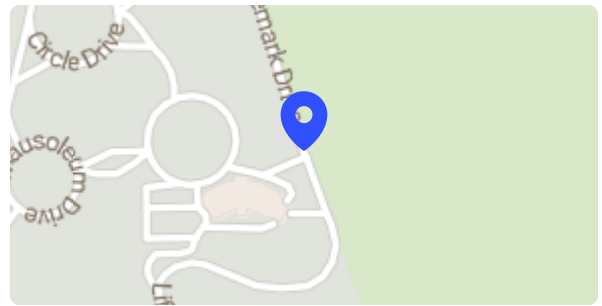
Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, October 30, 2024

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM PT

 **Skylawn Funeral Home and Crematory**
888 LifeMark Road, Half Moon Bay CA 94019

 Graveside service - Grandview Garden





Tribute Wall

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Sharon Storms posted:

I worked with Ranney for many years. He was wonderful! Many condolences and prayers to his family and friends. Sharon S

November 16 at 4:23 PM



Ron N. posted:

I worked with Ranney at Ford Aerospace and Lockheed Martin. After retirement we continued to keep in contact through our membership in Sons In Retirement and in their bowling activity. Conversations with Ranney was always entertaining especially with his honest opinions and sharp wit. It was such a shock to learn of his passing. On behalf of his friends and associates at Lockheed Martin and SIR we express our condolences to Kathleen and his family.

November 16 at 1:55 AM



Iryna Thayer posted:

Ranney was a great man, and I am proud to have known him. Communicating with him was a true joy, and it's a deep sorrow that he is no longer with us. Ranney will always remain a cherished memory, and I will truly miss him. My sincere condolences to his family. Nikolay Kharchenko

October 29 at 4:30 AM



Iryna T. sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Thayer family.



October 28 at 9:42 AM



Victoria T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ranney.



October 28 at 8:39 AM



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PO

Pat Oconnor posted:

Ranney was an active member of SIR Branch 35 for many years where he was well known and liked. He and Kathy participated in many hikes with the Hiking Group and made good friends there. They were also regulars at our annual Holiday Party. We send our sincere condolences to Kathy and her family at this difficult time. Ranney will be missed but well-remembered in our group. Pat O'Connor - SIR Branch 35

October 27 at 7:56 AM

MR

Marla Ranney posted:

Ranney is my brother-in-law. I always thought of Ranney as a good man who always had room in his heart and compassion for others. I loved his vibrant smile and his entertaining conversations. I found Ranney to be an easy person to like and I respected his honesty and his love for his family. I'm sorry I never got the chance to see him again before he passed. I pray for healing and comfort for his family and all who loved him and will miss him. Rest in peace, Ranney. Marla Ranney

October 26 at 12:29 PM

NL

Nancy Leras posted:

Ranney will always be a wonderful memory to me as we remember his great singing of hymns in our Church, along with his ready smile and good natured teasing on a regular basis. We had high-spirited conversations about politics, and all sorts of things. Ranney had great love for his Kathy and his family. It was a delight to know him. He will LONG be remembered with fondness.

October 23 at 10:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ranney by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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