



Jonathan Eckel

November 6, 1950 - July 9, 2018

Obituary for Jonathan Eckel

Jon Eckel passed away on July 9th, 2018 at the age of 67. He was known to many people as many things; husband, father, brother, friend, and confidant. His greatest joy in life was his family and he appeared fearless to make sure they saw him as strong and happy, to prevent them from worrying. As a father, he was unparalleled in his pride and love. His tremendous personality and stories were the life of every room he entered and he never failed to get a laugh from everyone. There is not a heart that he touched that doesn't feel the loss of his passing, and he will be missed by everyone that was fortunate enough to have known him. He is survived by his wife Maryann Eckel, his sons Thomas Eckel and Kevin Pogoda, as well as his sisters; Christine Hooke, Nancy Dickinson, Merrily Eckel, and Suzi Eckel Groce.

Cemetery

Events

Green Hills Memorial Park

27501 S. Western Ave.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA,
90275

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Memorial Service

10:00AM

Historic Church at Green Hills Memorial Park
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US, 90275

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathan Eckel.



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“ Enrichment is a word that is overused today, and with a misguided highbrow connotation. But Jon truly did enrich the lives of the persons around him.....a larger than life character, who was never found at a loss for a colorful comment, rejoinder, or story.....the epitome of one of his favorite phrases, a “hail fellow well met”. His arsenal of anecdotes was legendary.....some stretched credibility, but there is always at the least a grain of truth in great stories, and who cares when their point is really to inform a little but entertain a lot. I met him on the field of adult pick-up soccer, but we truly bonded when I coached Thomas and my son Mark in a character-building AYSO season where the boys lost every game with spirit, equanimity, and grace. But the blarney and bonhomie aside, the deeper core of Jon revealed a great humanity. Very early on in our friendship I recall a minor need of mine, and Jon responded as General Colin Powell advised on the invasion of Iraq.....with overwhelming force. If Jon considered someone a member of his tribe, I’m convinced that he would do whatever he could if assistance was needed. The world is a less interesting and joyful place for his absence, and I feel privileged to have known him and been considered his friend in the time he was with us. My deepest sympathies to Maryann, Thomas, and the rest of his family.

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