



Obituary: Chad T. Crutcher

Chad Taylor Crutcher, 59, of Truckee, California, passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 18, 2009 from an inter-cranial hemorrhage. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 24 at the Tahoe Forest Church, 11209 Brockway Road in Truckee at 1 p.m.

Chad was born August 30, 1950, in Burbank, California. He was the middle of three children born to Jack Crutcher and Didi Codre Crutcher. The family moved to San Francisco where Chad attended Galileo High School, graduating in 1964. He graduated in 1974 from California Polytechnic (Cal Poly) in San Luis Obispo with a degree in Landscape Architecture where he ranked #1 in the Landscape Architecture Program and #2 in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Chad was fortunate to turn his passion into a career that he thoroughly enjoyed and reveled in. During his lifetime he worked at a number of top firms including SWA Group in Sausalito, California; Melvin Lee Associates in San Francisco; Projects Pacific in Berkeley, California; and, McKay and Soms in Reno, Nevada. In the early 80s, he launched his own firm, Terra Media, in San Francisco. He moved back to Reno in 2003 and found a perfect fit with Lumos Associates where he worked as a planner and landscape architect until his death.

In 2005, he married Vickie Welch and they moved into their new home which backs up to national forest land and miles of trails that Chad enjoyed hiking in the summer and snowshoeing in the winter with dogs Bodie and Blue. He also enjoyed traveling, especially in Asia, specifically China, where two different landscape architecture projects took him there for extended periods of time.

Chad is survived by his wife, Vickie Welch; his son, Gage, 22, and daughter Bryce, 19, of Pleasanton, California; his brother Brett and sister-in-law Mimi of Encino, California; his nephew Bryan of Fresno, California; and his sister Brooke Kasner and brother-in-law, Kurt Kasner and nephew Christopher of Woodinville, WA.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Heifer International (www.heifer.org). Arrangements in care of Truckee-Tahoe Mortuary & Crematory, (530) 587-4342.

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