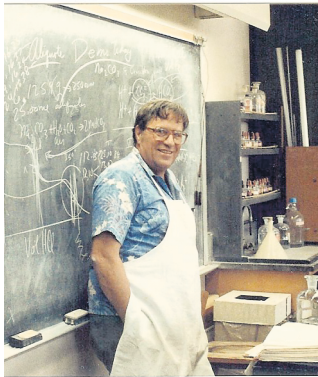


Life Tributes

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memories
of loved ones



Vincent J Landis

October 27,1928 - February 23, 2023
Lakeside, CA

Vince was born in Minneapolis, MN on October 27, 1928 to Paul and Bessie Landis. In 1935, their family moved to Pullman, WA, where his father joined the faculty of Washington State College. Vince enjoyed growing up in on a small farm in Pullman. He attended Pullman High School and served in the Washington State Militia during World War II. He spent many summers working harvests on nearby wheat farms and hunting with his father.

In 1950, he received his BS in Chemistry from Washington State College. While at WSC, he was in the ROTC program, and lettered as a member of the rifle team. Vince met Ilean Druffel of Colton, WA, at a dorm exchange dinner. They married at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Uniontown, WA, on December 28, 1950.

After graduation, Vince entered the University of Minnesota PhD program and joined the Army National Guard. Ilean joined Vince in Minneapolis after her graduation in the spring of 1951. Their first two daughters, Terrie and Kristie, were born in St. Paul, MN. He completed his PhD in Inorganic and Analytical Chemistry in 1954.

In 1954, Vince joined the chemistry faculty at San Diego State College. The family moved to San Diego and bought their home near the college campus. Vince rode his bicycle “to school” for 24 years. Terrie and Kristie were joined by Vickie, Scott, Kim, and Mark over the next twelve years. Summers were always spent traveling the western states and National Parks on the way to visit Vince and Ilean’s parents in the Palouse.

At SDSU, Vince taught general chemistry, analytical chemistry, advanced inorganic chemistry, and served as coordinator for the introductory and freshman chemistry programs. He developed the graduate inorganic chemistry courses for the department’s Master’s program. After seventeen years of coordinating and teaching general chemistry he transitioned to teaching analytical chemistry full-time. He enjoyed mentoring and advising chemistry and pre-health science students. He was frequently recognized by students as an outstanding faculty member and an influential advisor.

Vince and his family enjoyed two sabbaticals during his tenure at SDSU. From 1964-65, they were at Battel Northwest/Hanford Nuclear Site in Richland, WA. It was a wonderful year for the family, waterskiing on the Snake, Yakima, and Columbia Rivers, and being near family in eastern Washington. Between waterskiing adventures Vince actually did work, studying the radiochemistry of Titanium, and he co-authored, “Radiochemistry of Titanium,” published by the US Atomic Energy Commission. From 1977-78, he was at the University of California, Santa Barbara, another great location for the family to explore. He worked with Peter Ford, studying the catalysis of water-gas shift reaction by metal carbonyls.

SDSU’s Geology Department was located one floor below the Chemistry Department. Vince spent much time visiting geology faculty members, and he developed many life-long friendships and a true passion for geology. He participated in many field trips with faculty and students, and served on the thesis committee for countless geology graduate students. In 2016, Vince was recognized with the Baylor Brooks Honored Alumni Award by the SDSU Department of Geological Sciences and the Geology Alumni Association.

Vince never ceased to find delight in the everyday. He beamed with pride at the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He was a thoughtful and patient teacher to his students. He loved to be outside and to explore, whether it was on a motorcycle, in his 4Runner, or walking around Lakeside Lake with his dogs. He rode in and many times served as a pit crew member for the Baja 500 and 1000 off road races. He was known and loved for his irreverent sense of humor. He always jumped at the opportunity to pull a car out of a ditch, to render aid, or to offer a cold beer to fellow Baja travelers. An enthusiastic and adventurous eater, he was always ready to grab lunch at one of his favorite Mexican restaurants or to try something new and different, from beach-fried fish tacos in San Felipe, or just about any Ensenada sidewalk taco or torta stand. He loved traveling and taking road trips. His travelogues detailing his adventures were enjoyed by friends and family near and far. He particularly loved the Pacific Northwest as evidenced by art collected during his travels.

Vince was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Bessie Landis, his wife Ilean Landis, his son Scott Landis, his granddaughter Megan Landis, and his sister Mary Morgan. He is survived by his daughters Terrie DeBord (Wayne) of Roy, WA, Kristie Cobb (Ed) of Lakeside, CA, Vickie Danton of Loveland, CO, Kim Morrison (Jeff) of Loveland, CO, and his son Mark Landis (Nora) of Tonopah, AZ. He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Vince donated his body to the University of California San Diego School of Medicine to further medical education and research.

The Landis Family has created the Vince Landis Geology Student Field Experience Endowment at SDSU. Please consider donating in his honor.

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philanthropy.sdsu.edu/LandisEndowment
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Gail Templar Kaylor

August 16, 1936 - February 3, 2025
Chula Vista, CA

Gail Templar Kaylor passed away on February 3, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. She was a caring mother and grandmother and will be missed by those who knew her.

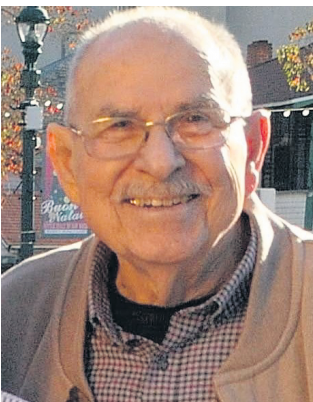
Gail was born in Alameda, CA, to the late Maxine and William McDonald. Gail was raised in San Diego with her brother, the late Bill McDonald. Gail graduated from San Diego High School and attended UC Berkeley before starting her family.

Gail had many interests, including choral singing, gardening, fishing, horseback riding, tennis, golf, bridge, knitting, sewing and painting to name a few. She volunteered her time to serve her family and community with many local organizations. Gail loved people and could put anyone at ease with her smile, charm and humor.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to Gail’s partner, Barry Jones, for his unwavering devotion, and to the staff at Fredericka Manor and Calstro Hospice who provided comforting care in her final days.

Gail was predeceased by her daughter, Jill Jackson. She is survived by her children, Shelley Goodwin Benoit (Joe), Kelly Goodwin Cantlen (John) and Patrick Mark Goodwin (Bridget), seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services will be private.



Mario Louis Crivello

November 24, 1939 - February 7, 2025
San Diego, CA

Mario Louis Crivello, lovingly known as "Mar" and "Papa", passed away on February 7, 2025, in San Diego, California, at the age of 85. Born on November 24, 1939, in San Diego, he dedicated his life to his family and his career as a respected tuna boat captain. Mario was preceded in death by the love of his life, Serafina Asaro. Their bond was one of deep affection and unwavering commitment. Together, they built a beautiful family that became the center of Mario's world. He is survived by their three children: Susan and her husband Moe Tousi; Salvatore and his wife Jamie Crivello; and Andrea Crivello.

His nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren brought him immense joy. Susan and Moe's daughters were a source of happiness for Mario. Isabella and her husband Leandro blessed him with two great-grandchildren, Emilia and Lucia. Mariana and her husband Derren Lechuga recently welcomed twins, Siena and Santino ("Sonny"), a moment that thrilled Mario as they were the first twins in the family. Sophia is currently studying in Hawaii and will graduate with honors in May. Salvatore and Jamie's children have each pursued remarkable paths. Giovanna is an attorney in New York City; Julianna is a venture capitalist in San Francisco; their brother Salvatore serves as a sheriff in Wyoming. Andrea's children—Mario, Marco, and Carlo—were also a great source of pride for him. Marco and Carlo are currently attending Northern Arizona University (NAU), continuing the family's tradition of dedication to education.

Mario spent his life at sea as a highly respected tuna boat captain, embodying strength and leadership. After retiring, he embraced travel alongside Serafina—whom he affectionately called "Dimples"—exploring favorite destinations such as Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, and Hawaii. He was the beloved son of Sam and Isabella Crivello and had three siblings: Esther, Andrew, and Salvatore.

A Rosary will be held on February 28, 2025, at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church on State Street in San Diego. A Funeral Mass will follow at 9:30 AM at the same location. Interment will take place immediately afterward at Holy Cross Cemetery. A Celebration of Life is to follow at the Bali Hai, on Shelter Island beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Mario was loved by many and admired for his unwavering devotion to those he held dear. His presence will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who knew him.



Sharalyn Kay (Katy) Lamb Smith Milroy

October 17, 1937 - October 29, 2024
Lakeside, Ca

Sharalyn Kay (Katy) Lamb Smith Milroy, born October 17, 1937 passed away on October 29th, 2024 at the age of 87 after a long battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. Born in Lincoln Nebraska, her mother Evelyn Alice Durst Lamb & father Orville Raymond Lamb. She's survived by her eldest daughter Jan Owens, husband Paul Owens & her daughter Laura Mantooth, husband Jeff Mantooth, daughters Sallie Brennan & Sherrie Arra, son Mike Milroy, 7 grandchildren, Steve Owens, Jake Jardin, Molly Moe, Kyle Brennan, Britney Milroy, Chris Arra, Jessica Lotz, 9 great grandchildren, her younger sister Diane Arpan & her little white dog Sugar. She moved to San Diego in 1963 with her first husband. In 1973 she met the love of her life Dennis Milroy at a singles dance, married in 1974 & joined two families. Katy was very active in her church, sorority, republican party volunteer back in her day. Kays career took off at Amtec Engineering, a job shop agency, retired as President of Senior Design. She helped many San Diegans, friends & family members find their lifetime careers in the engineering field. Katy & her husband Dennis enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii & Europe. She took part in many of the Lakeside Chili cook offs, winning best booth one year. Katy & Dennis both rode motorcycles & also loved going to car shows with Dennis's 40 Ford. She loved desert camping with friends and family & held annual Christmas parties. She was a longtime member of the San Carlos Methodist & the Lakeside Presbyterian Church, an avid reader, wrote her own autobiography & had many beloved dogs, that she considered family. She loved going out to eat at Lapalapa restaurant & to Baja for lobster with the family. She will be forever missed and in our hearts.



Lloyd Watnik

January 1946 - February 10, 2025
San Diego, CA

Lloyd D. Watnik, 79, passed away on February 10, 2025. Lloyd was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was a New York native and a proud graduate of Brooklyn Tech High School and Brooklyn College. Upon graduation, Lloyd joined the Social Security Administration. When he retired in 1994, he stepped into lecturing, explaining Social Security, Medicare and federal retirement benefits to National Guardsmen, foreign service officers, and government employees all over the US.

Lloyd subscribed to and scoured several periodicals to keep up with law and policy changes that affected federal employees. He took a personal interest in helping professional financial planners better understand Social Security and Medicare and lectured on these subjects to their clients. Many who attended Lloyd's lectures over the years connected with him on Facebook where he graciously provided free advice to help them better access their benefits. Beyond work, Lloyd invested much of his time fostering relationships with family and friends, ignoring both distance and lapsed time.

To those that knew Lloyd, his wit and comedic instincts were unparalleled, and he could inject any situation with a dose of levity. His stories were brief and to the point, often with a great punchline. He kept alive the Catskill comedic storytelling tradition.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Ruth Watnik. He is survived by his devoted wife, Eleanor; brother Allen; sons Mitchell and Eric; stepchildren Paul and Alecia; grandchildren Ian, Max, Noah, Edward, Nathan, Simon, and Rachel.

A celebration of life will be held in San Diego, CA, TBD. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you continue Lloyd's tradition of supporting ACLU or KPBS.