



Linda Umbach
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Walter Umbach
Died March 15, 2024

Walt and Linda are Easterners who moved to Menlo Park in 1968. Walt was born in Montclair, New Jersey, went to New Jersey Teachers College Demonstration School for grades 7 to 12, and then on full scholarship to Cornell University. He earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree. Linda was born in Baltimore, Maryland, lived there for 12 years before her family moved to the country. She went to Washington College on Maryland's Eastern Shore on a scholarship and got a degree in Biology. She went on to Duke University for a Masters Degree in Microbiology. Walt and Linda met while living in the same apartment building, while Linda was working at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, investigating human cancer viruses, and Walt was working for Ingersoll Rand in sales management.

When Walt was transferred to San Francisco to be West Coast Regional Manager, they took off on a great adventure: driving across the US in a Volkswagen bus with a six month old baby and a German shepherd dog. After having five children and camping all around California, the next transfer could not get them to leave California, so Walt became self-employed for the next 30 years, representing 12 companies. They now have 16 grandchildren and three great grands.

In spite of an autoimmune disease and a kidney transplant in 2008, Linda continued her career. She worked at SRI and at Stanford Medical Center researching the Aids virus, and then switched to being a real estate broker for 34+ years, continuing to this day. She and Walt joined a group of kidney patients to launch Bay Area Association of Kidney Patients in 2007. Linda serves on the patient advisory council at Stanford as well as the Patient Education Committee. She also enjoys horseback riding at Webb Ranch. Walt had a power boat based at Coyote Point and Alameda, but now enjoys swimming at SRC, aqua fitness and wood shop.

Their most memorable trip was taking 15 Umbachs back to Kassel, Germany in 2015 to see where Walt's great grandfather was born. Joining them here is Colleen, their lahsa apso dog, who is eight years old.

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