

in *Late Medieval and early Modern England* (2016), Buchanan drew on his earlier essays and linked the study of popular responses to food shortages to a detailed analysis of the role played by the Crown and by large cities in the management of grain supplies and the regulation of the grain trade. A prominent Oxford University historian described the book as “an indispensable source for historians working on every aspect of medieval and early modern market regulation. And any search for the origins of the moral economy of the English crowd will have to start here.”

Buchanan met his wife Meg Lilienthal in the history department at UCSC—they were best friends and soul mates in a deeply loving partnership. Throughout his life Buchanan enjoyed camping with his family, fly fishing with his son and duck hunting with his dad. He was a kind, indulgent and patient father. Every summer the annual camping trip seemed to involve car trouble, but he always took care that the family had a nice time despite the inconvenience and never let his frustration show. He was a tall powerful man in his prime who could wield a chain saw, use an axe, build a fire despite a summer down pour, and cook a fantastic steak.

While contemplating his many projects, Buchanan liked to engage in simple activities like chopping wood and beachcombing. He was an avid recycler and was especially dedicated to neighborhood and beach clean-up. And the Scots in him loved the profits he earned for recycling.

He had a passion for symphonic music and theatre, especially Shakespeare history plays. He was not just a Shakespeare enthusiast but a shrewd commentator also. He was always available to help other academics understand nuances and issues within the texts, especially relating to matters of law and social custom. He was also very good at talking about Shakespeare to general audiences. The Saturday Shakespeare Club of Aptos frequently invited him to speak if they were studying history plays.

Those of us who let him go are his wife Meg Lilienthal, his children Duncan Sharp and Heather Cortez and their spouses Renee Sharp and Anthony Cortez, and grandchildren Gwen and Graham Sharp and Sharar Muir. He is survived by the mother of his children Jeannine Blazzard, his very dear cousins in Scotland Dorothy Swan (Gordon) and Ian Walls (Aileen). He also leaves his Alaskan in-laws Annie and Rob Wiard, Richard Lilienthal (Margie), Santa Cruz and Chip Lilienthal, Santa Fe; and his valued colleagues and devoted friends from UCSC. In the words of a friend, “Buchanan had so many sterling qualifications: a quick intelligence and a sharp wit combined with kindness, tolerance and generosity of spirit.”

The family thanks the staff at Aegis of Aptos for their dedication in caring for Buchanan in often intense situations, and for their love and respect, addressing him as Professor Sharp. We express gratitude to Hospice for the care and comfort he received in his last days. At Buchanan’s request there will be no memorial gathering.

Buchanan Sharp died of Covid 19. In lieu of contributions the family asks that you take care of yourself and others by wearing a face covering and respecting social distancing.