



Walter Schrenk

Walter “Wally” Schrenk was born in Lebenstedt, Germany on March 26, 1946, to his parents Martin and Mathilda Schrenk. He was the second youngest of eight children and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1951.

In 1966, he enlisted and joined the USMC and was transferred to Third Marine Aircraft Wing in Tustin, CA. He served two consecutive tours in Vietnam and returned to the Tustin Helicopter Base in 1970. It was in Tustin that he met his wife Margrit “Maggie” on a blind date and they were married six months later. During his 20 years in the Marine Corps, Wally received numerous medals and commendations before retiring in 1986.

Upon his retirement, Wally went to work for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing as a technical aircraft maintenance training instructor, where his duties took him all over the world. Once the facilities in Long Beach closed, he was asked to stay on and work remotely from home for five more years until his eventual retirement in 2013. Even though he spent much time away from home on his teaching assignments, he indulged his wife’s passion for traveling and they managed to visit all seven continents on their many trips. Wally also was an active member of the American Legion Post 291 in Newport Beach and the Orange Elks Lodge 1475.

Wally passed away suddenly on July 3, 2017, due to complications from shoulder surgery. He is survived by his loving wife Maggie, his daughter Christina, who was the apple of his eye, one surviving brother, four sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is buried at Riverside National Cemetery.

