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Alan Terry "Dutchie" Twigg, age 79, husband of Vickie Marchand, passed away in his Benicia, CA, home shortly after midnight on Monday, March 18, surrounded by loved ones three weeks after being diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Twigg spent his childhood in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, and East Palo Alto, CA. He graduated from Ft. Dodge High School, Iowa, in 1963 where he played football, ran track and qualified for the Drake Relays. Later in life Twigg ran the London Marathon and two NYC Marathons. He attended NW Missouri State University graduating with a BFA. The following year he taught high school art and then set off for New York City, followed by a four-year stint in Rome, Italy where he honed his skills as a self taught jewelry designer and maker. Twigg returned to NYC where he kept a residence for over 20 years before moving upstate to Hudson Valley. His first wife, Carolyn Faillace died in 2006. Wishing to escape NY winters in 2014, he and Vickie started their move from NY to Oakland. In 2021 they moved to Benicia.

A lifetime artist, primarily a painter, Twigg utilized acrylic paints and paint pens creating ethereal images while in a meditative state. He also was a noted fine

jewelry maker and real estate entrepreneur.

As a fine jewelry master craftsman, his life-long career took off while in his early 30's and he then founded his company Vande Lune, Inc. His designs were noted for fine craftsmanship and the creative interplay of unique minerals, agates, and crystals with gemstones. His jewelry sold in art galleries, museum shops, juried craft fairs, and top department stores across the United States as far west as Honolulu.

Twigg's most recent creative real estate venture is NY2CA Gallery in Benicia, which he and his wife opened in April 2023. In real estate he was a pioneer in the early conversion of manufacturing lofts to artists' studios in what is now the famous Soho neighborhood in Manhattan. He was also one of the early boutique owners in the emerging Soho retail community and showed his paintings in the Second Floor Gallery, which he co-founded.

When Twigg wasn't in his studios, he was out on his boat fishing, watching sports, old movies or British television shows.

Twigg was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, sister, first wife, and many loving relatives.

Twigg is survived by his wife, Vickie, numerous relatives and many longtime friends in California and throughout the US. In keeping with Twigg's wishes he chose to be cremated by Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia with no funeral services.

Condolences may be offered online at: <https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com/obituaries/>

Additionally, Friends of Alan Terry "Dutchie" Twigg are invited to make

donations in his memory to the youth art education program at Arts Benicia.

Arts Benicia is committed to developing the next generation of artists through youth art classes, the Next Generation exhibition, Family Art Day, STEAM program in the public schools, and the Teen Art Program.

Donations can be made by check to Arts Benicia, PO Box 545, Benicia, California, 94510 or through the website at artsbenicia.org/donate
Please add a note indicating your gift is in memory of Terry Twigg. Thank you.

There will be a Celebration of Twigg's Life April 20, 5-8pm at 619 First Street in Benicia, California. We will be displaying and offering Twigg's artwork for sale with all proceeds going to Arts Benicia.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ Alan Terry Twigg, AKA "Twigg", was our first co-resident at 93 Greene St., New York, a loft building. My husband, Colin Cochran, myself and Twigg rented two lofts next to each other at the beginning of 1974, just kids! "Twigg" was one of the first people I met in New York through our friend Patty Hart. There were no other residents in that Soho building- an empty, huge, and scary place at night- but magical! Colin had a painting studio, and I had a dance floor in our loft, and Twigg had a complex jewelry studio in his. Just a few years later, Twigg, other residents slightly newer to the building and we were instrumental in a court case that was foundational to New York City Loft Law, which described which lofts were commercial and which were residential. As "certified artists" in New York, we were residential, legal, and suddenly rent stabilized then (long story) owners of big lofts in the booming newly hip Soho and instantly very well-healed. A proud history! Our successful court case also helped about 100K other loft dwellers in New York at that time become rent stabilized. Twigg was a wonderful craftsman who made lovely jewelry. I treasure his work. His first wife, Carolyn Faillace, tragically died of cancer a long time ago. His new wife, Vicki, a wonderful person, is living in upstate New York. We send her much love and condolences.

My husband, Colin Cochran and I are celebrating our 50th anniversary together this year. With Much Love and Remembrances, Paul Langland and Colin Cochran. langlandp@gmail.com , www.paullangland.com . colincochran@gmail.com , www.colincochran.com

Paul Langland - April 08, 2024 at 12:09 AM

PW

“ *My deepest condolences to Vickie and the surviving family and friends on their loss.*

Philip Wingfield, Athens NY

Philip Wingfield - April 06, 2024 at 08:43 PM

LW

“ *We went back a long way with Twigg to the SoHo days. He was smart, creative, industrious and always happy. Very sad and shocked to hear of his passing and we send our thoughts of care to you Vickie. Long may he roam!*

Lynn & Peter

Lynn Wirtz - April 05, 2024 at 01:35 PM

PL

Thanks for your comment. Sending you and Peter my love and regards for a great and difficult (lol) result in our time creating loft law in New York. Many Fond Regards, Paul Langland

Paul Langland - April 11, 2024 at 08:45 PM

PE

“ *I met Twigg in 1980 in Soho. He was a loving, joyous, savvy, spiritual man. We spent many years working closely as business partners and socially. He was a good friend. I am sad that I will no longer be able to talk to him.*

Vicki, he loved you very much, I am sorry for your loss with love

Peter Ehrman

Peter Ehrman - April 05, 2024 at 12:56 AM

BP

“ *Twigg was such a nice guy! He will be missed by both of us. We give our condolences to Vickie and to his family.*

Bev and Jim Phelan

Beverly Phelan - March 28, 2024 at 07:51 PM

ED

“ *Twigg was lots of fun and I know he made everyone around him so very joyful. May his memory be a blessing to everyone who knew him and loved him so much. Sending love to Vickie and praying for comfort in the days and weeks ahead.*

Ericka Davies - March 26, 2024 at 06:51 AM