

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
Richard "Ricky" Scott Garrett

January 1, 1963 - August 3, 2010

August 21, 2010



❖ 11:00am Celebration Of Life

- 8th Street and Shoreline in Manhattan Beach. On the sand.
  - No public parking available. Bring walking shoes. There is a large Pro Volleyball Tournament this weekend and parking will be slim-to-non close to ocean. I suggest you park directly east or south toward 34th street. Karl's house is walking distance form 8th street. If you are driving from Chino Hills, carpool, it's about one hour.

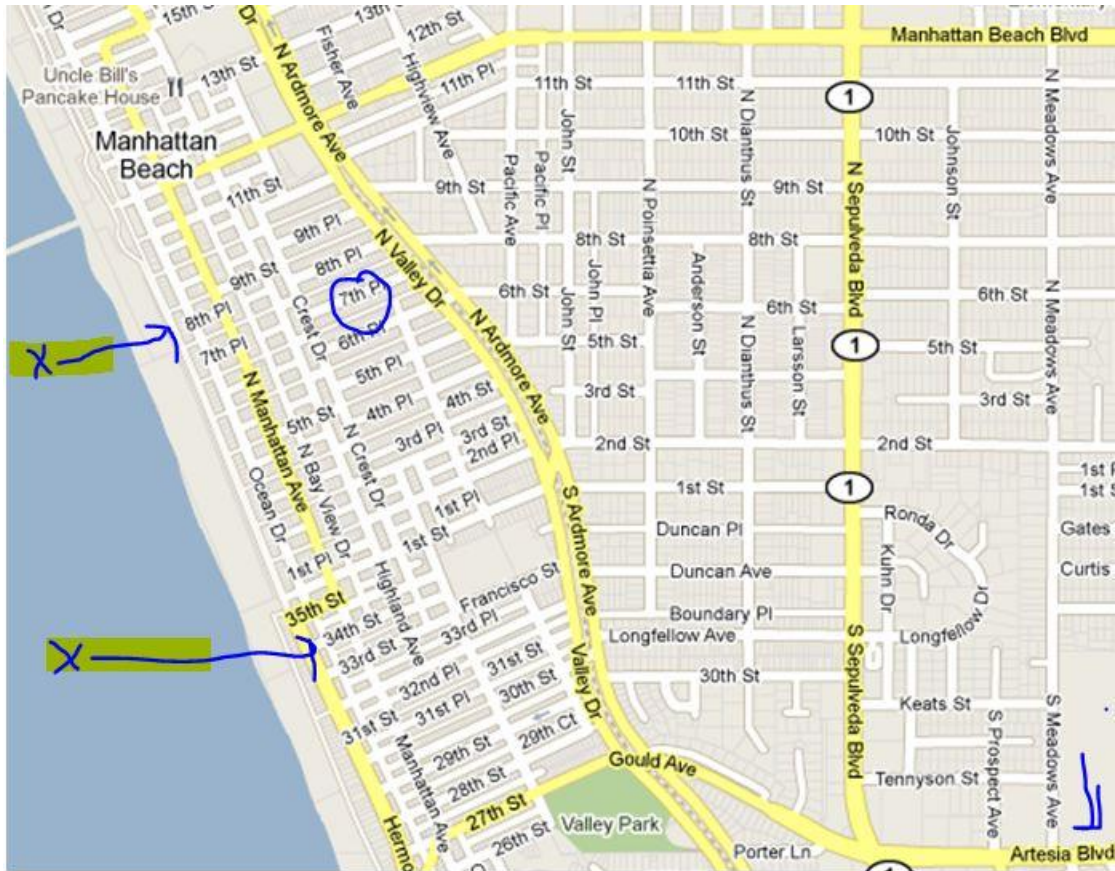
❖ 1:30pm or directly after Beach      Gathering Hosted by Karl Rogers & Doug Faber

- 210 34<sup>th</sup> Street Hermosa Beach (pick up parking pass at door)
- Potluck optional

❖ Informal Hawaiian Attire

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**Directions:**

- Take 60 FWY west to 57 FWY south to 91 FWY west
- Drive 91 FWY(Artesia Blvd) WEST till you see ocean. (110 south to 405 north, exit Artesia) Keep driving down to Manhattan Avenue. It's a 5 corner stop, park between 8th street MB and 34st street HB
- Metered Parking on Streets. Bring quarters or stop and get pass from Karl's house

## **Richard "Ricky" Scott Garrett**

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A deeply committed and passionate enthusiast of the South bay and our beaches, Rick Garrett has permanently left his 8<sup>th</sup> street beach towel for his final surf session in the afterlife.

Rick's lifelong friends will fondly remember "Monty" (aka "Montag") for his intellectual curiosity, his cunning wit and his remarkable ingenuity.

His friends ran the gambit, from beach trash to scientists. He had a passion for surfing, volleyball and playing pool. Rick loved angles and spin; especially in conversation. Rick was loyal and playful companion who caringly safeguarded his many friends with a cautious eye and concerned heart; throughout our lives Rick often intervened to shield us from harm and – perhaps more frequently than we'd care to admit to our children – we counted on Rick's powers to successfully charm the authorities, persuading them to turn a blind eye from our teenage ruckus. Rick was a calming and protecting force in our early turbulent lives and we will all forever love him.

As a father, Rick will be missed by his 3 girls - Zoey, Allie and Lula Burke-Garrett - who are each comforted with the knowledge that Rick will now protect them from his heavenly seat. Rick is also survived by his sisters Sheryl and Diana, his brother Bill, father Marvin, nephews Jason and Ryan, Niece Rosalie and former wife Gina Burke-Garrett. We all hope and pray that, after several years of suffering, Rick has finally moved to a more restful and peaceful place.

Notes to family and picture's can be found at *SAAMaui.com*

Richard Scott Garrett( in his own words)

I was born in Los Angeles, California, United States of America (January 01, 1963). My home was in Manhattan Beach, California. I grew up on the beach there with my mom, dad, brother, and two sisters.

I attended pre-school. I skipped kindergarten. I was identified as a 'gifted child' and went right to first grade. My elementary school years continued the same way, as a 'gifted child'. This included many outside activities, special education courses, and events (ELC, PIE, and others). It was fun, and a terrific opportunity to interact with diverse personalities.

I went to middle school, then to school at the nationally recognized Mira Cost High School. I was on the water polo, and swim teams. I surfed and swam as much as possible in our beautiful Pacific Ocean. Manhattan Beach had good waves back then. My father taught me to play volleyball and swim. I took many advanced placement courses, including calculus, and history. I graduated one semester early with complete coursework. I then worked as a carpenter until college.

I attended college at California State University Long Beach. I completed three more advanced courses in calculus, and computer programming. I graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering (BSME). I was the first person to document the working information for the new 'CAD – Computer-Aided-Design' system for the college of engineering. I also worked during this time as an engineer at Northrop (now Northrop –Grumman) as a computer programmer.

After college I worked at Hughes Aircraft, and again at Northrop. While at Hughes, I developed my computer skills even further. I became the 'go-to guy'. At Northrop I was employed to manage computers for the engineering department. During that time I also worked independently for other small local companies on their computer systems.

Eventually (1988), I left Northrop to fully develop my own company, GTI Consulting (founded 1986). This development was to allow me to work full-time as an independent computer consultant. I took time off during the transition to travel with a backpack through Europe (including Ireland and England) using hostels, hitchhiking, and rail passes.

When I came back to the USA, I resumed my computer consulting career. I did this independently until 1998, when I then joined a partnership with an accounting firm. After that, I became employed as a Business Systems Analyst with DataDirect Networks. I was then promoted to Application Systems Manager. I received the highest possible reviews.

I have done some other traveling in addition to the above. I've been to Hawaii (Maui in particular) almost every other year for vacations since 1976. My father has property there, and my best friend (with two wonderful kids) has property in Kauai. I've traveled to Mexico extensively, also Tahiti, Costa Rica, and Fiji, primarily to surf.

My hobbies are surfing, scuba diving, volleyball, biking, weightlifting, and chess (and I can play Parcheesi).

I have been:

- A member of the NPA (Network Professional Association)
- An Associate Member of the Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA
- A Rotary Club member in Manhattan Beach, CA.

Sincerely,

Rick Garrett

