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Owen Halsey Wormser Royal Oak, Maryland

On October 16, 2016, of brain cancer, surrounded by his loving family. Owen was born September 7, 1938 in New York City to Robert Lawrence Wormser and Virginia Shields Wormser, both of whom predeceased him, as did his step-father Reese Milner. Owen was a champion swimmer in high school and played football at UCLA. He was an Air Force fighter pilot who served two tours in Viet Nam and retired as a Colonel in 1988, to begin a new career as a consultant to firms doing business with the Defense and Intelligence Agencies. Upon moving from Washington DC to Royal Oak in 2003, Owen retired from business and devoted all his passion and energy to his new community. He ran for County Council, was President of the Taxpayers Association and Mental Health Association and served on a number of other local non-profit boards. He was appointed by the Governor to the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission. As an Amateur Radio Operator, he built and operated a ham radio station at home and spent many hours talking with other amateur radio enthusiasts. He was always a strong supporter of amateur radio operators helping with emergency communications for the Red Cross as well as national, regional, and local government agencies. He was often spotted on the rural roads in his huge pickup bedecked with antennas "speaking" by Morse code to friends near and far. His other familiar vehicle was the bright yellow Corvette convertible, which reminded him of the days long ago when he raced Corvettes for Chevrolet. Owen was a passionate advocate for animals of all kinds and was a major supporter, donor and fundraiser for Talbot Humane, and other no-kill animal rescue organizations. He was a loyal and dear friend to many, a devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be missed and continue to be cherished by all whose lives he touched. He is survived by his beloved wife Julie Susman, his son Robert (Jennifer) and their daughters Ellie and Katie, and his step children Tara Susman-Peña (Osbel) and their children Esther and Misha, Shana Sheva Vaknin (Aharon) and their children Yehuda, Rachel, Esther, and David, and Micah Susman (Erin Mahoney) and their daughter Helene, and his half siblings Reese, John, Jim and Helen Milner. His devoted Portuguese Water Dogs Yagi and Sasha remained by his side to the end. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Talbot Humane



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in Easton or Talbot Hospice Foundation. A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in St. Michaels at 11:00 AM this Friday, October 21, 2016. A graveside service and burial with full military honors will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Ostrowski Funeral Home www.ostrowskifh.com



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PB

Peter Bock posted:

Owen and his wife lived in the other half of our duplex at 22 Albrook Drive, Webb AFB Big Spring TX. Owen was an instructor pilot with the 3560th Pilot Training Wing, and I was an aircraft maintenance officer. This was in 1969 I believe. I remember that my parents visited once from Santa Barbara and my father, Marvin Bock, who had done some electronic countermeasures work on Vietnam-era aircraft for USAF, had a spirited conversation with Owen about the F-105 and F-4G "Wild Weasel" aircraft. My sincerest condolences to Owen's family.

March 29 at 2:43 PM

RY

Ronald Young posted:

To the Family, I just happened to be doing a search for Col. Owen Wormser and saw that he had passed. I served under him in Osan AB, Korea at the 314th Air Division. He and his wife were so kind to invite me and two other co-workers to your home for Thanksgiving Dinner. I never forgot that! I remember joking him about your sons being in Europe on what I think was a skiing trip at 15. I truly send my sympathies and condolences to the entire Wormser Family. With much love & respect Ronald Young

October 12 at 1:55 PM

MM

Melinda & Steve Miller posted:

Julie: I was so very sorry to hear of Owen's passing. Many thoughts, prayers, and countless hugs to you. Hope the warmth and support of your entire family helps comfort you through your grief and loss. XXOO, Melinda & Steve

October 30 at 8:00 PM

RA

Ron Aument posted:

Dear Julie - you have been in my thoughts as well as Jeanne's. Our hearts go out to you and yours.
Ron

October 23 at 8:00 PM



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JO

Jan Oberst posted:

Owen was a kind, gifted man of many talents. We shared our love of dogs, and living here on the water. He enjoyed his life to the fullest, and valued family above all. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. May God give you peace in the wonderful memories that you shared together.

October 22 at 8:00 PM

YV

Yehuda Vaknin posted:

Owen was the best step-grandfather I could've had. I loved him with all my heart. hi gigi!

October 20 at 8:00 PM

AB

Aggie Beletsky posted:

I only had the privilege of knowing Owen as his Dancing for the Dogs partner for a short time, but he left a lasting impression. May he rest in peace.

October 19 at 8:00 PM

JS

Jose Sanchez January 13 at 8:55 PM

I met Owen in 1968 when he was a USAF Captain and I was a civilian working for the Air Force in Saigon. We worked together for a year and we had many fine conversations. I greatly admired him and his ideas about life and his commitment to fairness and good will in all of his interactions with others. He was a fine gentleman and a very memorable person. May he rest in peace. Jose Sanchez - Las Vegas NV Jan 13, 2019

CJ

Connie Jones posted:

I was honored to have met Mr. Wormser. Although only in his company a few hours, his great personality, love for his wife, Julie, and the entire family was evident. I will never forget the devotion and love shared by him and his best buddies, Sasha and Yagi. Prayers for comfort to all family and friends.

October 19 at 8:00 PM



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JB

Joseph Bower posted:

Dear Julie,Liz joins me expressing our sadness at Owen's passing. It was our misfortune that over the last several years we had no opportunity to spend any real time with the wonderful man you married. We have enjoyed the lovely flow of pictures of your family and home. As time passes, it is those amazing memories that you will have.Love,Joe

October 18 at 8:00 PM

KL

Kathryn D. Leckey posted:

I was sad to learn of the passing of my old friend Owen Wormser. While he lived in Virginia he was a good and loyal friend not only to me but to so many others. I have fond memories of Owen and know he will be missed by all of his friends far and near. Please accept the condolences of both myself and my husband. He truly will be missed.Kathryn Leckey and Robert Best.

October 18 at 8:00 PM

JL

Joe Leo posted:

Dear Julie,Sylvette informed me of Owen's passing. May Owen finally rest in peace after all the treatment challenges he faced during the past several months. May you also find comfort in knowing that you did all you could do to ensure his happiness and well being. My prayers are with you both. Do take care.Sincerely and with love and respect, Joe Leo

October 17 at 8:00 PM

FI

Fred And Lesley Israel posted:

Wonderful memories of Owen -- and deep grief at his passing much too soon.

October 17 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Owen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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