



## Jack Wayne Mathews

December 2, 1939 - May 13, 2020

Jack Wayne Mathews passed away peacefully on May 13, 2020, at his home in Waldport, Oregon after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Los Angeles, CA, on December 2, 1939. Jack was the youngest of three children born to Walter Edwin and Dorothy H. Mathews (Friely). He met the love of his life, Lucinda (Cindy) Herbert, in Riverside, CA and they were married on November 5, 1971.

After high school, Jack served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. He then went on to receive his bachelor's degree from San Jose State, followed by his master's degree in journalism from UCLA. For the next 30 years he served in roles as movie critic, reporter and editor for the Detroit Free Press, USA Today, the Los Angeles Times, New York Newsday, and the New York Daily News. He traveled the world from film festivals to movie sets, interviewing and writing about various films and many interesting people he met along the way.

In 2010, Jack retired to the Oregon Coast. He had a love for golf and played regularly with his friends. During retirement, he and his wife enjoyed entertaining, going wine tasting, and traveling. He enjoyed hosting family visits in the summers and spending time with his grandchildren. Due to his love for movies he continued to write for Gold Derby and was dubbed the "dean of Oscarologists." He was also a masterful storyteller, and we were all fortunate enough to be part of his audience.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Donald Mathews and Ed Mathews. He is survived by his wife Cindy, son Darren Mathews, daughters Shelby Marchese and her husband John Marchese of Mamaroneck, NY, and Valerie Nunemacher and her husband Mike Nunemacher of Hayden, ID. Jack also leaves his grandchildren Brooke, Ryan, and Aiden Marchese, and Lindsay and Zachary Nunemacher.