



Chris Prince Wangsgard

July 16, 1941 - June 13, 2025

Chris Wangsgard passed away on June 13, 2025, in Washington, UT. He was born July 16, 1941, in Huntsville, Utah, to Scott and Beth Wangsgard. He married Erica Wangsgard. They were married in Salt Lake City on June 25, 1979.

Chris graduated from Ben Lomond High School, then attended West Point (U.S. Military Academy) in 1963. His service in the infantry included the 3rd Armored Division in Germany (1964-1966). He attended the special forces school at Fort Bragg in 1966 and joined the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam from 1967-1968. During his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star.

After serving in the military, Chris graduated from the University of Utah with a Juris Doctorate. He had a long, distinguished career as a legal advocate and was a partner at Parsons Behle and Latimer for many years. During his career, Chris fought skillfully and intensely to protect civil rights.

During his retirement, Chris dedicated his time to teaching an Institute for Continued Learning (ICL) course at Utah Tech on the United States' involvement in Vietnam- a subject of great interest to him following his military service. He also dedicated his time and efforts to mentoring West Point applicants and graduates in his community.

Outside of the courtroom and classroom, Chris was a skilled shotgun marksman. He and his sons (Sten and Dane) won bronze, gold, and silver during many of the annual Utah Summer Games competitions. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed going on camping and backpacking trips in the Utah wilderness. He was an advocate for the conservation and protection of this wilderness. Chris was a passionate amateur photographer.

Chris is survived by his wife Erica Wangsgard, and his sons Kirk, Sten, and Dane. Chris was preceded in death by his parents and by his son Mike.

The family would like to thank his physician, Dr. Bracken of Main St. Family Medicine, and the BRIO community for their kindness and compassion when Chris and his family most needed it.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Conserve Southwest Utah <https://www.conserveswu.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Chris was a man of many interests, and talents. He was my law partner, close friend, and fellow hiker in Nepal...his photos of our Nepal adventures are still on my wall. To Erika and his sons, your husband and father was a human treasure. Dick Giauque

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“ Chris will be missed. His intelligence and good humor were just two of his many outstanding qualities. In my conversations with him he was also so proud of Erica and all his children. I was fortunate enough to practice law with him as well as watch Chris, Sten and Dane put on a shooting exhibition at various clubs. That was something else! Erica, you were dear to him and I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family...Geoff Mangum

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“ I just loved hearing his stories of his military experience in West Point, Vietnam Nam, and others. The friends he made during those years meant a lot to him. And, he was a fun bartender.



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