



Wayne "Lego" Louis Petersen

September 24, 1964 - October 16, 2023

Wayne "Lego" Louis Petersen passed to the spirit world embraced with love and greeted by his loved ones on October 16, 2023.

Wayne was born September 24, 1964, in Lower Hutt, New Zealand where he was adopted by his mother Vicky and gained a sister, Anne.

He spent his youth in New Zealand and Australia. Some memorable fun times were spent with his beloved uncle Micky and many cousins. When Wayne was 11, he and his mom moved to Laie, Hawaii, on the north shore of Oahu. He loved his Boy Scout years and riding waves at his favorite beach, Pounders. He attended Kahuku high school where marching band was a highlight and was highly respected and an honor.

After high school he attended Utah State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. He was a very talented actor with a commanding stage presence and beautiful singing voice.

He started his acting career in Los Angeles where he won an Ovation award for best actor. Another highlight of his career was the role of the King in "The King and I" touring nationally and in Brazil. In St. George he performed at Tuacahn as the King in "The King and I" and also in "Aida". For several summers he performed at the Lyric Repertory Theater in Logan, Utah.

He also started a successful production company, Doc Films USA, where he filmed and edited commercials and short films.

His greatest accomplishment was his son Mason. Favorite times with Mason were spent golfing as he was so proud to have Mason by his side.

Lego met the love of his life, a country girl no less, and they spent 20 years together visiting Hawaii and her hometown near Richfield - reminding him of his laid-back upbringing in Australia and Hawaii. An added bonus was his stepdaughter Lark and granddaughter Callie.

His passion, besides acting, was cooking for friends and family where he served up great food and memorable good times with his fun sense of humor. He adored his dogs, Sassy and Cisco, who eagerly greeted him on the other side. He leaves behind sweet Annie Oakley, who is missing her daddy.

Lego was a wonderful friend, husband, father and uncle who is going to be missed and forever remain a huge part of our lives and in our hearts.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Vicky Mestrovic Smith. He is survived by his sweetheart Lynnette, son Mason, stepdaughter Lark, granddaughter Callie, sister Anne, many nieces and nephews, and his down under family.

Visitation and Celebration of Life will be Saturday, October 21, from 3 to 4 pm at Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 1316 South 400 East, Unit 3B, St. George, Utah 84790. Everyone is welcome to come and share memories of Lego/Wayne.


Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home
1316 South 400 East A-5
Saint George, UT 84790
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

Tribute Wall

 AI
Darroch

“ Well... I'm late to the news as usual and this time it really sucks. I went to USU with Lego in the early 80's and we bonded quickly as students. When I moved to Los Angeles he wasn't far behind and we always had some great talks about past professors :), our love for Sid Perke's and the things that made us laugh. Tonight I wanted to reach out and chat and catch up with Lego, but his number wasn't working so I google him and now... :(.

AI Darroch - June 13, 2024 at 11:47 PM

CE

“ Lego walked up to me after a production of Romeo and Juliet and said point blank, "I want to work with you." That came to fruition with Fool for Love. It was directed by Lynda Linford. Yes the stories are true. He was one of the finest actors to work with. It was always about the work, not the person. He made me a better actor and I would hope a better scene partner. He also helped create my love for All My Sons playing Chris. A force to be reckoned with. I will miss him. The world seems a bit smaller now.

Corey Ewan - February 12, 2024 at 12:33 PM

GA

“ His laugh was infectious, his smile lit up the room, his love for family and friends ferocious! My dear cuz Wayne was the most amazing host the times I visited him in LA and Utah. He loved his Aussie family and our love for him will never end. Too soon my Cuz. Miss you forever. Love to Lynnette and Anne and families. Xx

Gail Atkinson - October 21, 2023 at 05:47 PM

DE

“ Remembering our dear cousin Wayne with much love. He was such a cute little boy who grew into a wonderful, confident, friendly man who was a great host to all.

He was particularly fond of his Uncle Mickey and his links to Australia.

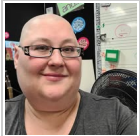
Sending heartfelt condolences to Lynette and cousin Anne.

Cherished memories last forever.

Deb, Ben and Jon and extended families Downunder xo



Deb - October 21, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ Lego was an amazing man and he will be sorely missed!!!! He cast me in what is, to this day, my proudest role as an actress and I can honestly say my life would have been much worse if I had not known and been privileged enough to work with and befriend this man!!! He was a genius and a true friend! He helped me through one of the hardest times in my life and I will forever be in his debt!!! The world is not as bright with him gone from it!!! My heart goes out to his family...please know he was loved by many!!! Rest in piece Lego, till we meet again my friend!!! 🧡😭😭😭😭💔💔💔💔

RitaRené Notapplicable - October 21, 2023 at 01:17 AM

LH

“ I loved seeing Lego on stage at USU and the Lyric Theatre in the 80s and I still remember parts of his performances, his singing, and his laugh.

The most vivid memory is when I was a reporter at The Herald Journal in Logan and got to write a feature story about the Lyric and that summer's cast for the paper's arts and entertainment section. It was a pleasure talking to all the actors about their work, but as others have shared here, Lego was a force and had an energy that filled a room. A photographer and I got permission to be backstage during a couple of shows. Watching Lego in a booth in the wings where he gave voice to my forever-favorite Audrey 2 in Little Shop of Horrors will always be among my best theater memories. Thanks for sharing your gifts with us, Lego.

Lynnette Harris - October 20, 2023 at 05:33 PM

MS

“ I met Lego at USU back in the 80's. He was so much fun! He had a way of making everyone feel included and I was surprised that someone as talented as Lego would befriend someone as plain as I, but he was a friend to all! I loved working with him; he always kept us entertained. I was fortunate enough to work with him again at Lyric doing Drowsy Chaperone about 10 years ago. He took me on a beautiful motorcycle ride up Logan canyon and then we got some Aggie ice cream cones. My condolences to him family and loved ones.

Melyssa Swensen - October 20, 2023 at 03:19 AM

TD

“ I met Lego while acting together at the Old Lyric Repertory Company in the early 1990's. We continued to act on stage together and remain dear friends ever since. I will miss him greatly. He was hands down one of my favorite actors. He commanded the stage and yet had a generosity for his scene partners. He gave so much and elevated everyone around him. My heart goes out to Lynette, Mason, Lark, Callie, Anne and the rest of his extended family. This photo is of us in the Odd Couple at the Old Lyric Repertory Company in 2013.

Tamari Dunbar - October 20, 2023 at 01:07 AM

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Tamari Dunbar - October 20, 2023 at 01:06 AM

MR

“ I met Lego during the production of "Nathan Hale" at (then) Dixie State College. A small group of us students and Lego were playing British soldiers. Our opening scene together was all of us around a table, drinking in a tavern. While the action was focused on the "Patriots" discussing war, Lego was literally teaching us drinking games, where we would have to pretend to drink a mug if we lost, acting more drunk each round. From then on, was a delight to get to see him on campus, and throughout southern Utah!

Matt Russell - October 20, 2023 at 12:26 AM

JS

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Jalee Scott - October 19, 2023 at 11:32 PM

JS

“ Lego was a force. He brought so much energy and joy to every thing he did and everyone around him. I thoroughly enjoyed playing opposite him in a few moments of Anything Goes. Sending his loved ones love and light.

Jalee Scott - October 19, 2023 at 11:27 PM

BI

“ I loved working backstage at Lyric when he was performing. I had the opportunity to work with him a few times while in St. George as well. While in StG he would often call me to go out for a motorcycle ride with him which almost always ended with lunch somewhere fantastic.

Damn I loved this man! He will be missed but so grateful for the opportunity to be his friend and the memories made.

Bren Innes - October 19, 2023 at 10:14 PM

TW

“ Although we both attended USU, we were there at different times. I didn't meet Lego until I was in my early 40's during a season at the Lyric Rep in Logan, Ut. We were in three shows together that summer and I grew to love and admire him. The room was brighter, the sense of humor present, and the rehearsal more productive because he was there. I spent the summer with him playing is wife, friend and island hang-out buddy. We had a wonderful time. I adored Lego!

Tracy Williams - October 19, 2023 at 09:56 PM

EH

“ I am so grateful for the opportunities I had to learn from Lego, both backstage and onstage. To have had the chance to share laughter, stories, and song with such an incredible force of energy, passion, and artistry.



Emily Heap - October 19, 2023 at 09:28 PM

LB

“ *Lego was larger than life onstage and off, and filled the room with love and laughter the minute he entered. He is a beautiful soul who will be dearly missed. ❤️*

LuAnn Baker - October 19, 2023 at 08:29 PM

RC

“ *I grew up watching Lego in shows at the Lyric. He was like a supreme being. He was a force. His presence on stage and off was tremendous. To me, and anyone who worked with him, he was part uncle, part brother, part teacher, part chef, and all those parts added up to one GIANT HERO. He had a profound influence on me, and he will live on forever in those of us who had the pleasure to call him friend.*

Richie Call - October 19, 2023 at 06:07 PM