



## Mr. Richard Lynn Neuenschwander

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Richard Lynn Neuenschwander, 61, of Truckee, California, went home to be with his Lord at 4:00 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2015 from the Tahoe Forest Hospital as a result of pancreatic cancer. He was born on June 29, 1953 in Pensacola, Florida to Dwight and Beverly (Sprunger) Neuenschwander. He graduated from San Leandro High School in 1971 and attended Chabot Community College. After apprenticing as an electrician, Richard worked 42 years as a building contractor in the Bay Area, Roseville and Truckee, California as well as Findlay, Ohio. He attended Calvary Chapel-Truckee and was involved in leading short term mission trips with 'Joni and Friends-Wheels for the World' to fit wheelchairs and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in underdeveloped countries around the globe (Ghana, Peru, Belarus, Ukraine, Brazil, Uganda, and Kazakhstan). Richard had formerly attended Dayspring, Hope Temple and Maranatha Bible Church in Ohio, Neighborhood Church and Redwood Community Church in Castro Valley and served as an adult construction leader on Mexicali mission trips with Bayside Church Granite Bay. Richard enjoyed hiking, camping, gardening, skiing, golfing, reading, jigsaw puzzles, serving others and spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his parents, Dwight and Beverly (Sprunger) Neuenschwander of Danville, California; his wife, Jill (Sterrett Wright) of Truckee; a daughter, Kristen (Josiah) Teft of Nuremberg, Germany; a son,

Nathan (Lindsay) Neuenschwander of Lincoln, California . Also surviving are 3 grandchildren, Brynn and Lucas Neuenschwander and Maleachi Teft; a brother, Larry (Jeanette) Neuenschwander of San Leandro, California; a sister, Jana (John) Turns of Pleasanton, California; 2 nieces, Ali (Tyler) Savage of Alameda, California and Calli Turns of Pleasanton, California. He is also survived by his in-laws, Tom and DonnaRae Sterrett of Findlay, Ohio; 2 brother-in-laws, Jeffrey (Deborah) Sterrett of Findlay, Ohio and Joel (Laura) Sterrett of Bucyrus, Ohio and 27 beloved nieces and nephews in Ohio and Georgia.

Friends and family are invited to attend the Graveside Services which will begin at 10:30 am on Friday, June 26 at Sierra Mountain Cemetery, 10370 East Jibboom Street, Truckee, California followed by a Remembrance Service at 11:30 am at Sierra Bible Church, 11460 Brockway Road, Truckee, California. A lunch reception will follow. Pastor Brian Larson will officiate, assisted by Pastor Skip Collier. Memorial contributions may be made to Joni and Friends International Disability Center, PO Box 3333, Agoura Hills, CA 91376. [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org)

# Cemetery Details

## **Sierra Mts. Cemetery**

Truckee, CA 96161

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ 7 files added to the album *Wheels for the World*



Jill Neuschwander - June 25, 2015 at 07:27 PM

JN

“ 6 files added to the album *Lindsay's Favorites*



Jill Neuschwander - June 25, 2015 at 07:24 PM

SS

“ To Richard's family: I'm truly sorry that this fine man - your husband, your son, your dad, your grandpa, your brother, your uncle - is gone from your embrace. His world is a better place for his having been in it. His memory and influence will surely live on for many years to come. With deepest sympathy, Sharon Smith (Jill's aunt)

Sharon Smith - June 25, 2015 at 06:54 PM

SS

“ Steve and Pennie Savage purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Mr. Richard Lynn Neuenschwander.



Steve and Pennie Savage - June 25, 2015 at 06:34 PM

RH

“ As I worked alongside the two of you on the Kaz Wheels trip, your devotion to each other was so evident. I am so very sorry for your loss. Love, Rose

Rose Hull - June 24, 2015 at 04:25 PM

CH

“ Jill, I know that when you married Richard, you had found your soul mate! We always loved watching the two of you together on a Wheels trip or at Family Retreat. May you keep your eyes focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith as you grieve the homegoing of your beloved Richard.

Much love and prayers,

Chris and Rick Hillesheim

Christine Hillesheim - June 24, 2015 at 03:31 PM

BL

“ *Richard, Is now with our lovely LORD forever, he and Jill touched our lives with kindness & sincere concern. Richard was a true brother; someone who listened intently and was concerned for my well being, spiritually & physically. He reminded me often to seek humble service for the Lord, to listen and focus on others and to love the Lord first and foremost. We mourn with you Jill and all.. May the Lord flow abundant comfort towards you & the family. In the love of Jesus,  
Barbara & Dave Laurie*

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**Barbara Laurie** - June 24, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Lynn Neuenschwander.*



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June 24, 2015 at 11:33 AM

JS

“ *I have many wonderful memories of Richard. The most prominent ones involve the countless hours that Richard volunteered his carpentry skills during a dark and painful time in my life. I see his handiwork as I walk through our house, and I remember his quiet diligence, kind heart, and gentle encouragement. Richard was one of the best examples of Christ's love and selflessness that I have ever witnessed.  
I will continue to pray for God's peace and comfort for everyone who loves Richard.*

*In His Love,  
Joel Sterrett*

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**Joel Sterrett** - June 24, 2015 at 11:21 AM

BH

“ Dear Jill, words never seem to do justice in times like these. How grateful I am to have known Richard even for a short time. Both he and you always showed the love of Christ in your eyes and smiles. I can only imagine the joy you brought others in Joni's ministry. I will always remember Richard's smile and kind eyes in church. What a smile he must have today to see the face of Jesus! O Jill soon we will all be together celebrating with him. There must still be a little work for us yet to do. Please know you are in my prayers and I would love to help in anyway you need.

God's Peace and Comfort  
Barbie Hyytinen

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**Barbera Hyytinen** - June 23, 2015 at 11:03 PM

LN

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**Larry Neuenschwander** - June 23, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ Oh, how I look forward, even more now than yesterday, to behold the face of our Saviour surrounded by throngs of those that love Him. Richard's brilliant smile will be among them and he will say with a chuckle in his gentle voice "welcome, you finally made it!" Jill, all our love!! You are & will be in our prayers.

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**Wayne McKeegan** - June 23, 2015 at 08:28 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Bernadette Harvell** - June 23, 2015 at 06:22 PM

BH

*This is how I will remember Richard: as a humble, faithful and praying servant of God.*

**Bernadette Harvell** - June 23, 2015 at 06:38 PM

BB

*You were both such an inspiration for Debbie and I on our first mission trip and the many that followed. May the God of all comfort, be your comfort during this trial.*

*Bob and Debbie Brooks*

**Bob Brooks** - June 23, 2015 at 08:03 PM

GS

*Yes, Richard was such a gentle, humble man of God...an inspiration to me even though I had not know him for long....May God comfort all those who loved him and miss him...*

**Gaynor Smith** - June 24, 2015 at 08:27 AM

CM

“ *Dear Nate and Lindsay and all your loved ones, we send you all our love and ask God to comfort you and hold you during this time of grief. May you feel all the love that surrounds you and smile at all the wonder-filled memories you hold in your hearts. Keeping you all in our prayers. Much love, Uncle Dan and Aunt Cher*

**Cheryl Mills** - June 23, 2015 at 04:50 PM

DN

“ *Jill...Getting to know you and Richard on my first JAF trip (Niteroi) was one of my very, very special and favorite memories. Remember well a table for three after a hard day of work where we just comfortably shared. A wonderful Man! Praying for you. Don Needham*

Don Needham - June 23, 2015 at 04:36 PM

 Lisa Wellman

“ *We are so honored to have served alongside Richard in Ukraine. Our hearts are joyed at his homecoming at the same time as saddened for your loss. Praying for you, Jill and your family that God's comfort and love surround and embrace you while you grieve. Our hearts are with you.  
Tom and Lisa Wellman*

Lisa Wellman - June 23, 2015 at 04:35 PM

KA

“ *Ruth DeAnn so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you comfort and expectation at our reunion and my meeting him. prayers my friend!*



Karen - June 23, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JO

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Jill. Although i never really got the pleasure to meet Richard, i know he must have been a very special man by the things i have heard about him. Know your family in Ohio are all thinking of you at this time. Love you always Johnna*

Johnna - June 23, 2015 at 03:20 PM

BS

“ Dear Jill, you are in my thoughts and prayers and I'm happy Richard no longer suffers and is where we all want to be! God Bless Richard and God Bless You! Love, Roberta

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**Bobbie McElroy Sigmund** - June 23, 2015 at 03:07 PM

NL

“ Northern Sheets, LLC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Richard Lynn Neuenschwander.



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**Northern Sheets, LLC** - June 23, 2015 at 02:05 PM