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## Letter from the Family of Nathaniel Lamm. Written 1998.

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The family of Nathaniel Lamm has some sad news to share with you. Some of you already know that on this past December 4th we lost our beloved Nat to metastatic kidney melanoma. Nat was born in Los Angeles, December 3rd, 1931 and went into a coma on his 67th birthday, December 3rd. Nat's teaching career began at Westchester H.S. and he was buried nearby at Hillside Memorial Park, Court of Love, on December 6th. During his brief life he created and supported numerous activities concerning the needs of children, underprivileged of all ages, and the status of the environment.

Although we were advised in July that he had a terminal illness, Nat continued to display is upbeat and positive attitude, concern for others, and to participate in his worthwhile activities. Nat was determined to fulfill his promise to his daughter Rachel that he would dance with her at her November 14th wedding to Brian Faust. Our Thanksgiving family events were enhanced by his cheerful presence.

Being selected as foreman of the Orange County Superior Court Grand Jury was his most recent achievement. It deeply troubled Nat that he was unable to complete his term of office which began July 1st. Of all Nat's achievements, he believed his most outstanding and beneficial accomplishment occurred 25 years ago when he developed the Outdoor Science School program. His establishment of the Outdoor Science Foundation in 1989 provided funding for economically disadvantaged youngsters who otherwise would not be able to attend the "Inside the Outdoors" programs. Nat requested that any memorial gifts be given to Orange Country Outdoor Science Foundation, Nat Lamm Scholarship Fund, c/o Chapman University, 333 N. Glassell Ave. Orange, CA 92866, where he served as Executive Director.

Nathaniel Lamm's accomplishments included U.S. Army Medical Service, National Park Service, Teacher of Science, Educational Consultant and Aerospace Education Lecturer, CSUF Science instructor, Orange County Department of Education (Administrator for Academic Events, Environmental Education and Coordinator of Mathematics and Science), Santa Ana Human Relations Commission, co-author of the textbook "Mathematics and Your Career," Chair Orange County Register Campership Fund, USSF and AYSO Soccer Referee and Assessor, Los Angeles XXIII Olympic Organizing Committee, Co-Founder and President of the International Decathlon for Academics, Toastmaster Lt. Governor of the year, Rotary Club President, member Temper Beth Sholom Board of Directors (Social Action Committee), and in October 1998 he received the Interfaith Hunger Walk Humanitarian Award. Nathaniel Lamm departed with many dreams of future participation in all arenas of life.

To those who sent get well wishes, plants or flowers, made contributions to Temple Beth Sholom and other organizations, attended the funeral service, gave eulogies, and provided comfort and support to our family, we deeply thank you for your

concern over his illness and departure. The name Nathaniel means "Gift of God" and he truly was the most important gift we ever received. Although we feel a deep sorrow, we do wish you and yours a beautiful holiday and a New Year filled with peace, health, and happiness.