



Wayne Melvin Mohn, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, passed away from metastasized lung cancer on May 19, 2019. He was 73.

Wayne attended Auburn, Washington, public schools, graduating from high school in 1964. He then enrolled at Everett Junior College for a year, where a classical music class was his favorite.

In 1965 Wayne transferred to Washington State University, where he redshirted on the football team and received a full scholarship. He met Kathleen during training camp in Pullman; they eloped a year later. After his sophomore year, he enlisted in the National Guard, attending boot camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. In the fall of 1967 he transferred his credits to the University of Puget Sound and received a full ride to play football for two years. Graduating with a double major in history and psychology, Wayne was the first in his family to finish college.

In 1969 Wayne joined the management training program at JCPenney (JCP) in Olympia, Washington. The family likes to think that his mother, who was a clerk in lingerie at South Coast Plaza, got him the job. He eventually transferred to the JCP store at Tacoma Mall as Personnel Manager. His boss wrote on his performance review that he had "a huge appetite for work."

After eleven rainy years of living in the Northwest, Wayne was transferred to the Regional Office in Buena Park, California, in 1978. He worked in Operations and Systems during JCP's transfer from paper to computers. The family relocated to a new home in sunny Brea, California.

In the spring of 1981 Wayne was transferred to Honolulu where he worked in the newly formed District office. His staff became close family friends. In 1983, Wayne opened a JCP store in Kaneohe. Honoring local custom, the store was built around, not on, a Hawaiian burial ground. Even with that, people claimed they saw ghosts in the elevators. The glass front of the store cracked one night for no apparent reason. The store eventually closed.

In 1985 Wayne was transferred to Portland, Oregon, as the Geographic District Manager. The family lived in Lake Oswego for eighteen months before making another move back to the Buena Park Regional office. There Wayne became the Regional Personnel Manager. The family bought a home in the City of Orange and lived there from 1987-1992.