



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.

After turning down a move to Corporate Headquarters, Wayne headed up the District office in Hayward, California. During this time he also opened a JCP jewelry store in the Westfield San Francisco Center.

Wayne served on the board of Goodwill during his time in Tacoma. Because of having a handicapped nephew, he valued the organization's training of challenged individuals for the world of work. During his second assignment in Southern California, he served on the board of the [Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation](#) (HOBY), a nonprofit leadership-development program for high-school scholars.

Wayne's playfulness and humor earned him lifelong friends. On a professional note, Wayne was a believer in diversity within the Company.

A portion of Wayne's ashes were floated in Montana's Musselshell River where he used to fish with his two sons.

Wayne left behind sons Brady Mohn, Barry Mohn (Sara) and Rick Ley; spouse Monica Ley Mohn, mother of Rick Ley; former spouse Kathleen Cosgriffe Mohn, mother of Brady and Barry; granddaughters Ila and Wren Mohn; twin sisters Marlys Junt and Marilyn Firestone; and several nephews and nieces, including Janie Junt Ward (Forrest) and Carrie Nolton(Greg).

A celebration of life was held at the home of Mike and Joyce Price in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The Prices were longtime friends from the days of Wayne and Mike playing college football together.

