



Alooooooha!

Gary and I are so honored to be here with you all today to celebrate his life.

Thank you so much from the depth of our hearts for everything.

Deeply appreciate!!!





Gary and I met at TGIF  
at this courtyard  
The Beer Party  
28 years ago







**I Love Li Zhibian**

**我爱李智边**



Annie

Our first date  
with the couple  
all together  
the whole day



Sunny





Little Gary

Gary was so sure  
right after we met,  
“You don’t need me.  
You like me.”

“I don’t know  
whether there is God.  
It must be  
God made us  
for each other.”

Gary and I  
had been doing  
everything together  
ever since  
whenever possible.



We married in may of 1997





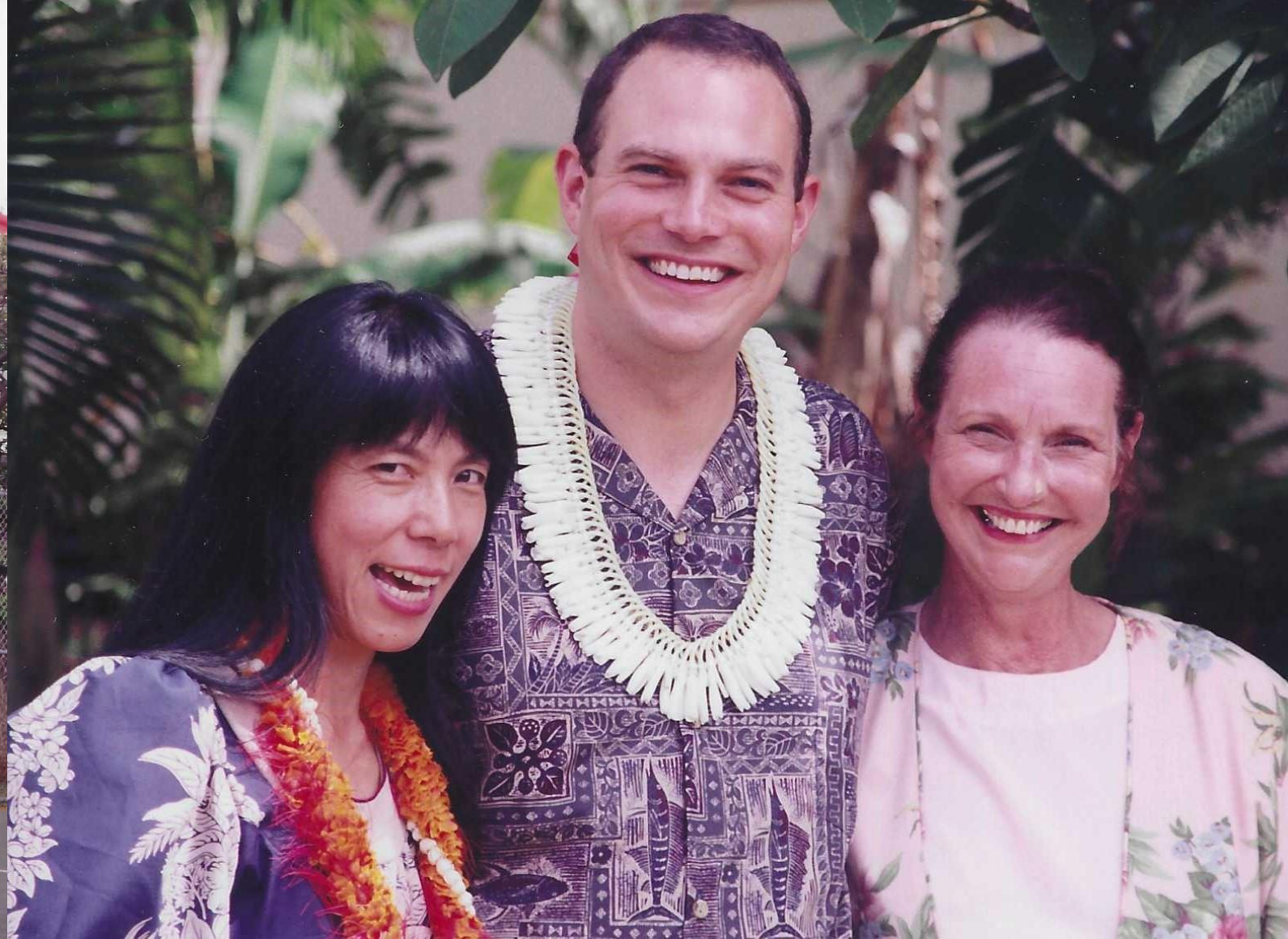






Gary loved sports, all the balls.  
Volleyball after the reception.

With Gary's Mom







At our Wedding reception in Makiki park

Tom Browder and his  
wife Marie and Atsuko

Steve Olsen met Gary's mom

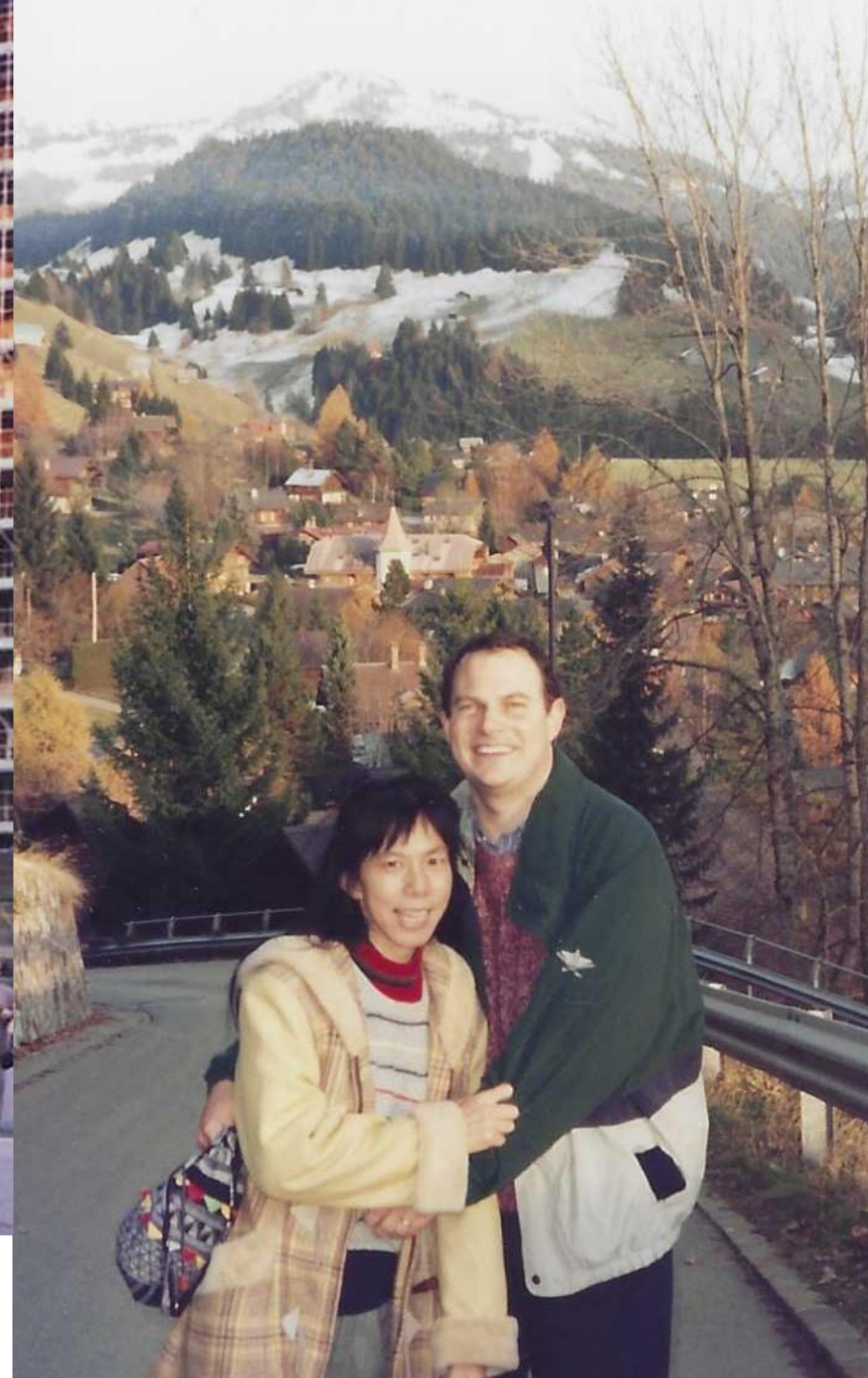
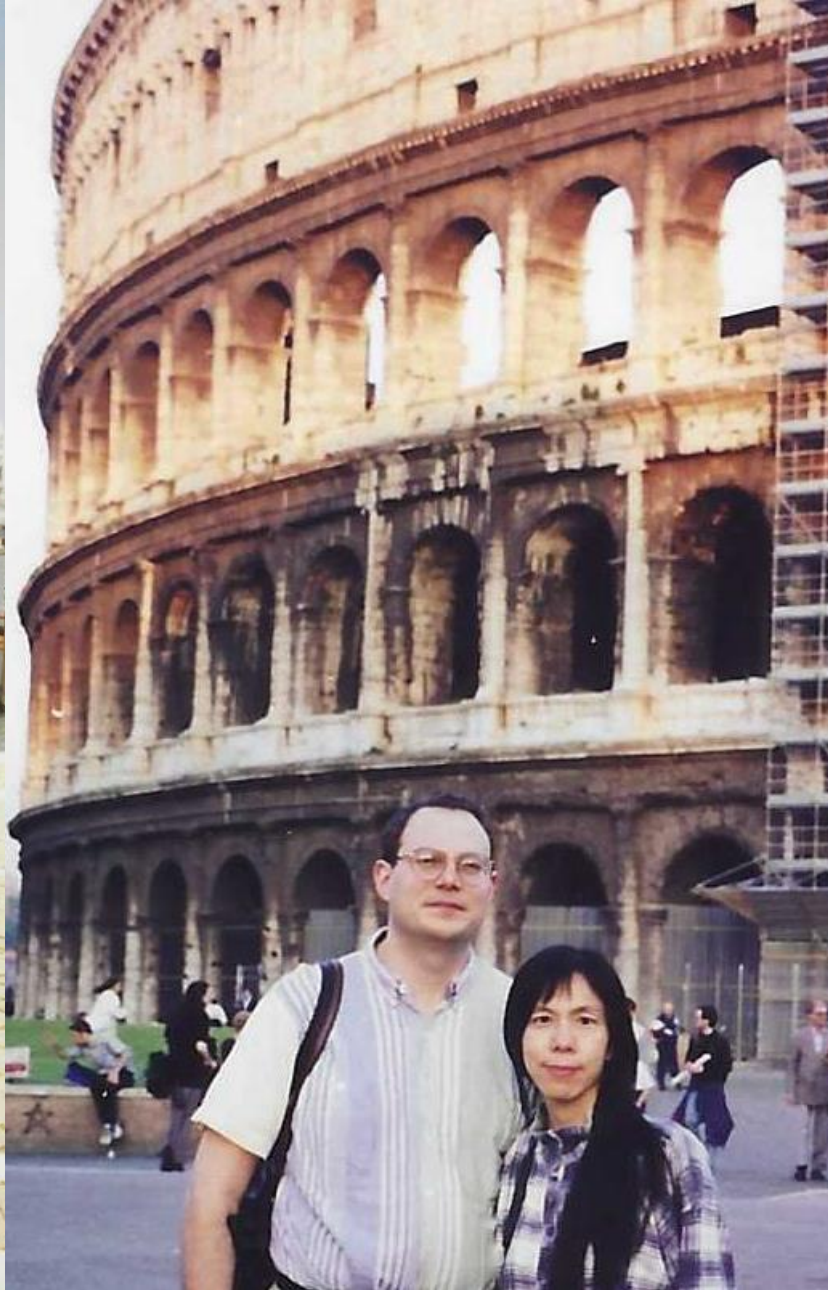




Wrote his PhD dissertation while  
worked at CERN in Geneva as a  
full time Engineer and got his  
PhD in UH Physics 1999.







Venice, Rome, Geneva



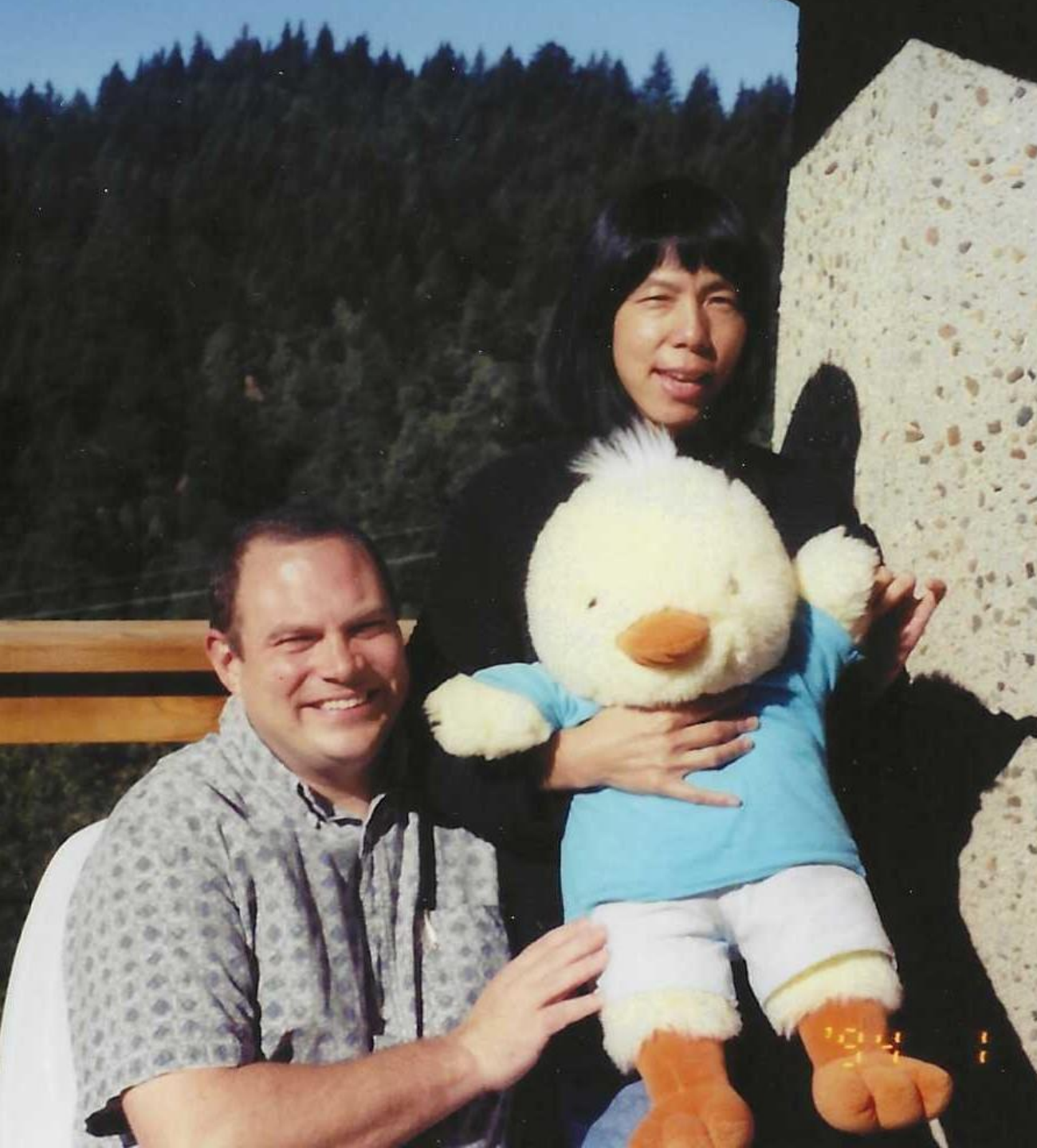


Little Gary

When Little Gary had fussy hairs



We both took a venture capital adventures by joining a high-tech startup company then moved to Silicon Valley with the company.





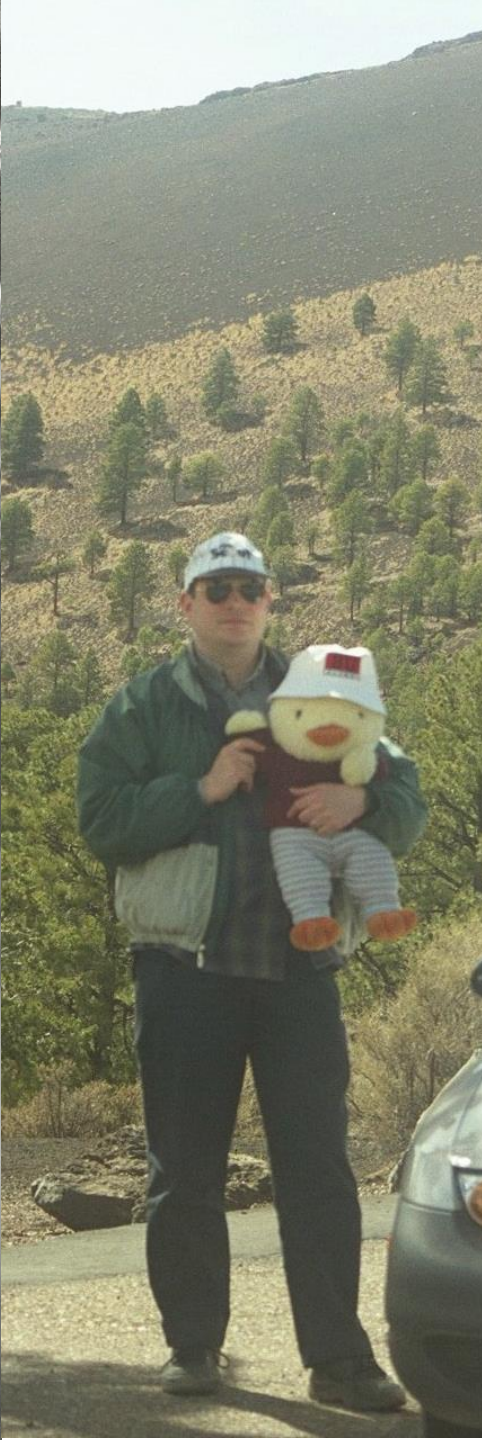
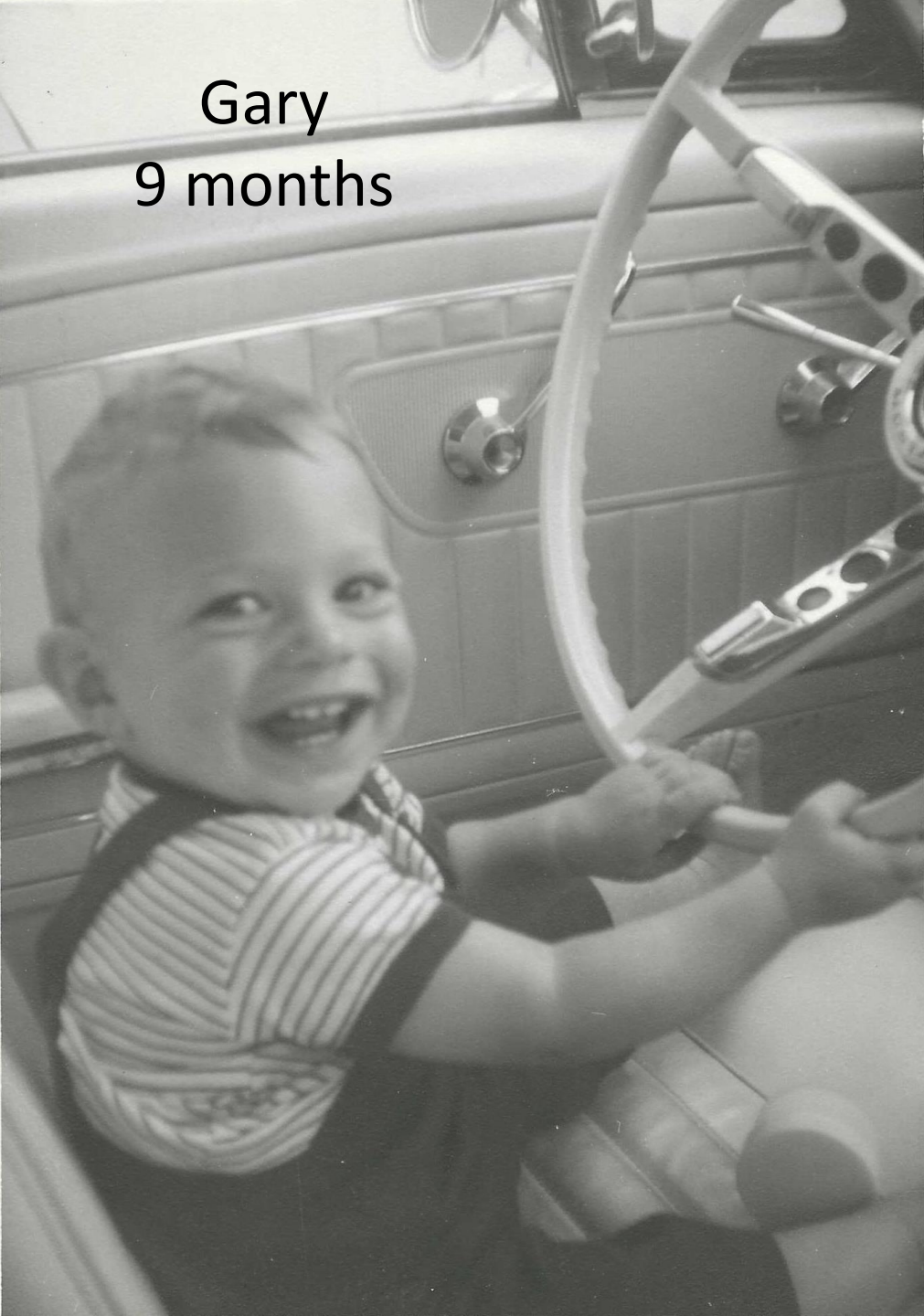


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Loren



Gary  
9 months







United Club  
London

Little Gary,  
The Big  
Head got  
older due  
to a Great  
Dryer  
accident

Baby Gua  
was gifted  
from Fred  
Hazen and  
his wife Joan



Gary Supported  
me to do Early  
Childhood  
Education, my  
passion and  
childhood dream.

He never cared  
how little money  
I made from the  
work. Actually  
used our own  
money to help.







Gary trusted and encouraged me to design and build the addition to our house. Like a child playing blocks, the adventure risked our lifetime saving plus new mortgage. I warned him that if I fail we could end up losing everything, including the house. But Gary didn't worry. He said "no problem. We can start over". I was afraid of making mistakes, he said, "Professionals make mistakes too. You may not know but still pay for them." He never blame me for anything. He was very happy at the end. "It has soul in it." as he said. No way I could do it without his support.





Christmas  
in snowing  
Minnesota



## Gary's Sister's Wedding







Gary's mom's  
70th birthday  
party at her  
sister's home.





Gary's  
uncle Larry  
&  
Aunt Gayle's  
wedding  
at age of  
69 and 63  
after  
together  
for  
30 years.









Gary play with  
my sister's  
grand children  
in China.





Going away party at our home.







Going away party  
at our home







Many Thanksgiving  
dinners at  
Luca's home

Guest from B of U  
Eric Hazen/ his children  
Christmas dinner  
at our home

Draft Beer with Colleagues  
in Germany







China colleagues, Beijing



John Flanagan and Mika



Japanese Colleague Hero's home in California



Uncle Mike



Gary's younger sisters' grave in the backyard

Dad Sim







Gary stopped breathing on 07/14/23 at age of 56 after 11 months of "too big of battles" with cardiac angiosarcoma cancer.

It is a very aggressive and extremely rare kind of cancer, 40 people in US per year.

The sarcoma cancer gene was tested in his body for sure. He also had Li-Fraumeni syndrome; a rare illness due to a missing gene that normally fights cancer.



On 08/21/22, one liter of pericardial effusion was drained from around his heart. In a week he came home and walked down from our home to school.

On 12/19/22, he had open-heart surgery, in Cleveland Clinic Ohio. In 5 days, he walked out of the hospital, and in 10 days we flew home.

On 02/21/23, 3 liters of blood and fluid was drained from his chest after a lung blood vessel hemorrhaged. His left lung shrank to half size. In 5 days, he went back to work after he recovered miraculously.





Stanford choir with friends Loren and Jing in Feb.





Aloha Beer on 04/05/23 to celebrate lung cancer nodules shrank and disappeared







Unfortunately, two days later on 04/07/23 he couldn't move his left side of body and could hardly talk and eat and... Some cancers were found in his brain at the emergency room. We refused to go to hospice.

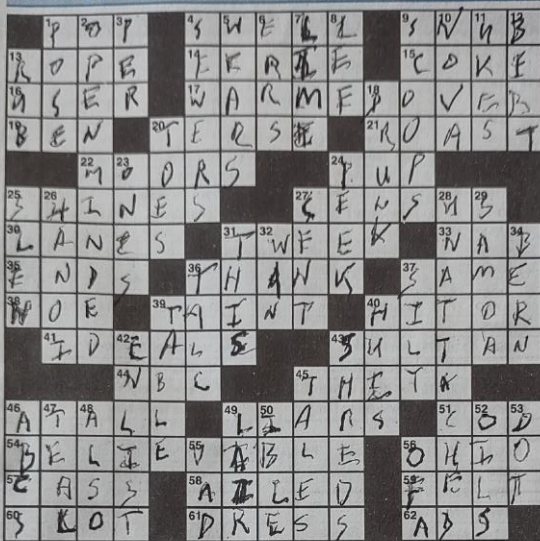
In the next 2 weeks in the hospital, he had 10 days of radiation treatment on his brain and chemotherapy, miraculously again Gary came home and walked up to our second floor by himself. We even went to restaurants.

Very sadly he had to stop working, finally. This was the hardest for him.

He could only doze off for a few minutes at a time for days and weeks. The doctor even refused to give him effective sleeping pills because he was announced to live not longer than 6 months.



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## ACROSS

- 4 "Groovy!"  
 10 Give the cold shoulder to  
 14 Lasso  
 14 Mysterious  
 15 Vending machine drink  
 16 friendly; easy to operate  
 17 Reheated  
 18 Savage or Stiller  
 19 Short and to the point  
 20 Pot \_\_\_\_ dinner entrée  
 21 Secures a boat  
 22 Litter member  
 25 Glistens  
 27 Population count  
 30 Bowling alley features  
 31 Fine-tune  
 32 Take into custody  
 36 Concludes  
 36 Express gratitude to  
 37 All the \_\_\_\_; nevertheless  
 38 Misery  
 39 Besmirch; sully  
 40 -miss; random  
 41 High standards  
 42 Middle East ruler  
 43 "Chicago Med" network  
 44 Fraternity letter

- 45 costs; by any means  
 46 Dishonest folks  
 47 MA's Cape \_\_\_\_  
 48 Trustworthy  
 49 Cleveland's state  
 50 The Mamas & the Papas member  
 51 Needed medicine  
 52 Soft craft fabric  
 53 \_\_\_\_ machines; Vegas attractions  
 61 Lock of hair  
 62 Billboards

## DOWN

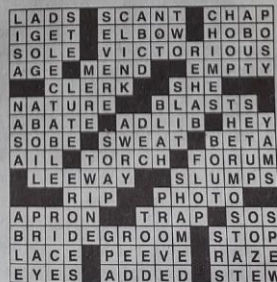
- 1 \_\_\_\_ a question; ask  
 2 Receptive to others' ideas  
 3 Part of MPH  
 4 Underground drainage systems  
 5 Has on  
 6 Messes up  
 7 Margarita garnish  
 8 2nd most common Korean surname  
 9 Ice cream portions  
 10 \_\_\_\_ Scotia  
 11 Island instruments  
 12 Parks or Lahr

## the wrong way; irritate

- 10 Topsy  
 20 Ballerina's support  
 23 Dollar bills  
 24 Summit  
 25 Slaughtered  
 26 Asian capital city  
 27 Penny  
 28 Single & going with no one  
 29 Pacific island group  
 30 TV's "Is Us"  
 31 Obi- \_\_\_\_ Kenobi  
 32 Swiss capital  
 33 Powder ingredient  
 34 Sandy residue  
 35 Piece of furniture

## Colors

- 42 Join the military  
 43 Rips up  
 44 The Canterbury  
 46 Preschool lesson  
 47 Short-necked duck  
 48 Likewise  
 49 Fox's home  
 50 Suffix for collect or convert  
 51 Paints, for some artists  
 52 Period  
 53 Brewery tub  
 54 "Scent" Woman; Pacino film



TUESDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED

He coughed and spit blood for weeks. It was found out, finally in the emergency room, that it was just a lung infection. It stopped quickly after treatment with antibiotics.

Again, his stomach hurt and he could not eat much for weeks, a stomach ulcer was not found until the emergency room. After he took simple drugs, he was able to eat almost a full meal again.

This is crossword he did on 06/07/23. He was still largely autonomous and has no major issue or pain fortunately.

Go to hospice/comfort care means no treatment for even easily treatable problems and no oxygen when needed. In Gary's case just a few days or minutes without breathing well would have killed him.

After he was qualified as having less than 6 months to live by their judgement, we were pushed daily in the hospital to go to hospice or comfort care. The message was loud and clear: You are wasting money. Go die faster.



We are still given a choice to fight cancer, right? Or that choice may disappear soon?

With this firsthand experience, now I know the saying that people with cancer are mostly scared to death; but even worse they are perhaps pushed to die faster.

Let's say, by a mistake, a person without any health issues is told by data or doctors that "Your body is in terrible shape and you won't live longer than 6 months or could die at any moment". And then they keep telling you every day.

How long, do you think, he/she may survive? How can a human being endure this kind of mental stress? The worse, humiliation, you are wasting money.

Gary said "they have their rules and we have our rules." It costs one so much just to deal with all of this pushing and humiliating nonsense. It's hard to imagine the possibility to fight cancer well and get better in this kind of mindset.

Actually, in China even now, many patients are not told about their fatal situations, if family members don't want, because it doesn't help in most situations. And most importantly, doctors and families want to give them hope to live each day till the end. I

do have a couple of colleagues, classmates and friends who survived medically hopeless cancer for over 20 years till now. I didn't want to give up till the last moment.



This is not just about Gary. It's about me and you also. We are all dying every day, right? What is that huge difference between 6 days, 6 months, 6 years, or even 60 years? We live moment by moment not defined by how much time left!

Our last mantra was "Don't care if we die tomorrow. Breathe well now."

I am so sorry, my dearest Gary. You had to suffer so much unnecessarily. So sorry I was not able to help you well. What if the cancer was found out earlier? It was almost missed at the first emergency even though a fist size tumor was at your heart. What if the reason for your high blood pressure was checked and found years ago?

As I kept telling you, you did everything you could. You did your best. You have done more than enough and you were always good enough to me.

I love you so much! I love you so, just as who you are. I really love you so much!

This is our eternal wedding ceremony in spirit and soul completely.

Thank you all so much for the opportunity and to be witness.



My Dearest Gary, you are always with us, aren't you!



From our deck

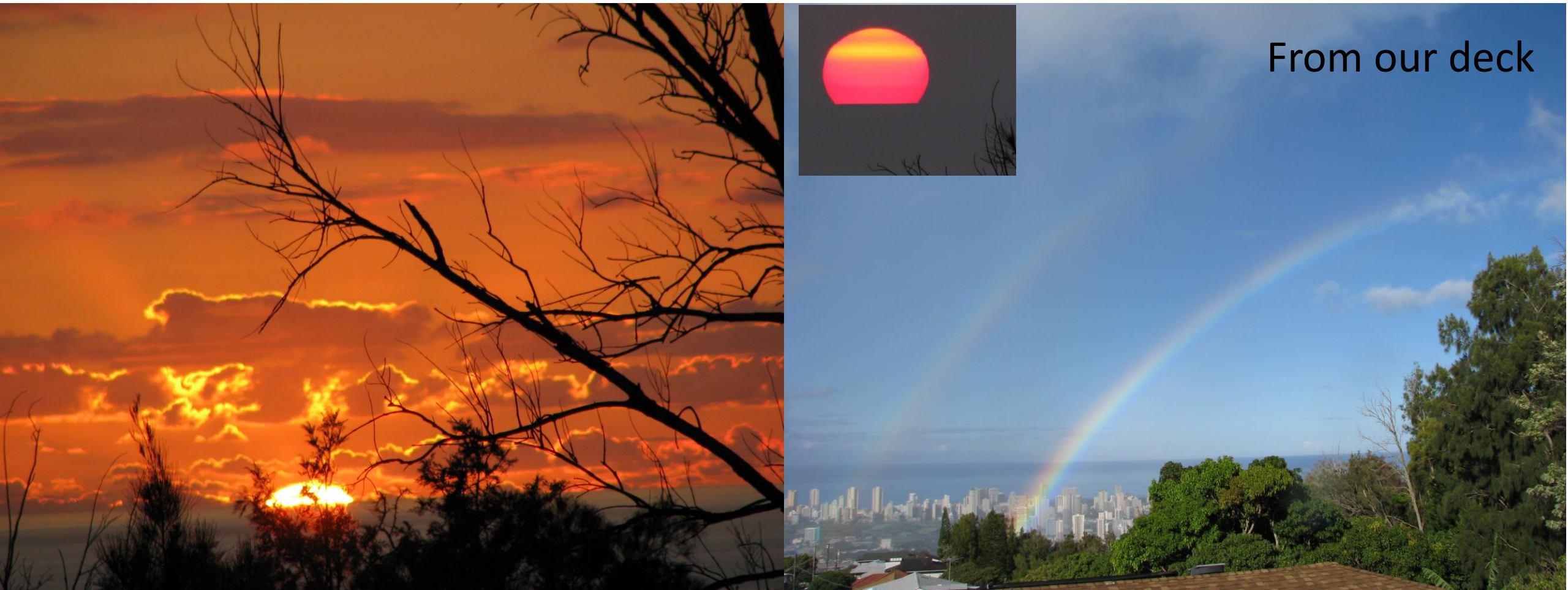
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