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LMU FRATERNITY HONORS MARK NEWELL (1954-2004)

LOS ANGELES, October 16, 2004 – Mark Newell (B.S. Loyola Marymount University 1977, M.C.E Stanford University 1978) passed away on Tuesday morning October 12, 2004. He suffered from a genetic disease that also took his father and brother before him. He had been suffering over the last few months and God, in his mercy and love, took him home.

Mark leaves behind his wife, Lizzie, his two children, Christina and Steven, from his previous marriage to Janet Smolarski Newell (LMU 1976), and his mother and stepfather Ralph, and brother Paul.

Mark leaves behind a tremendous legacy. He was Loyola Marymount University's alumnus of the year for 2003 for his humanitarian efforts and community service. He was the State of Alaska's volunteer of the year in 1998. He was responsible for establishing "Net Day", an ongoing event wherein thousands of volunteers have helped Alaska's schools connect to the internet. He did so while suffering pain and being confined to a wheelchair, and always with a smile.

He is one of two people who graduated from the master's program in engineering at Stanford University in less than one year. After graduating from Stanford, Mark left for Alaska where he worked with the indigenous peoples setting up alternative energy sources. His wind energy system network spanned Alaska from the Bering Sea to Juneau. He closed down his business due to illness in approximately 1987 and began working for IBM as a systems analyst. He later medically retired and commenced his volunteer work.

Mark, while at LMU, was a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society, Crimson Circle, Engineering Honor Society (as president), and was a brother in Alpha Delta Gamma (ADG) fraternity. He designed and built a geodesic dome on campus and the "Kiosk" that stood outside the Lair for over 15 years. Mark was truly a "Loyola Man".

Those of us who remember him remember his constant smile and "can do" attitude. They remember he surfed and liked to attend the Renaissance Fair in full costume. He was a human being who would not allow a debilitating disease stop him from being a man for others.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday October 20, 2004 at 5:00 pm at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach, where Mark was raised and went to grammar school.

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