

Service to remember longtime UCSB professor

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The tributes have poured in.

"I first met Barry in Dr. Hardin's Human Ecology class (1969). He stood out, older and thoughtful. As an early graduate in ES, I enjoyed visiting him over the decades, chatting about the program and my career in land issues and the law."

"I was fortunate to meet Barry as one of the recipients of the Schuyler scholarship at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. The Schuylers' generosity supported my study and helped inspire my career in education for sustainability."

"I count Barry as a mentor, friend and colleague. We had many things in common — Caltech, UCSB, soccer, sailing, beer and wine — and of course, the environment. He was the one who first hired me as a TA in ES. Smooth sailing, Captain Schuyler."

Dozens of similar tributes have been posted at the website, www.forevermissed.com, since Barry Schuyler, whose formal name

Similar memories will be exchanged at a celebration of his life beginning at 1 p.m. today at UCSB. The service will be held in the main courtyard of Bren Hall.

A distinguished UCSB lecturer emeritus in environmental studies, Dr. Schuyler retired after 20 years at UCSB. He was one of the faculty who helped found the environmental studies program in 1970 and was chairman of the program for four years.

Helene Schneider, mayor of Santa Barbara, and Judy Egenolf, president of the Amherst Exchange Corp. and a volunteer with Aeromedicos, have vivid recollections of the unassuming Dr. Schuyler.

"I always think of him as a kind spirit — a very generous man of few words with a big heart," Ms. Schneider told the News-Press. "I got to know Barry when I was human resources director and volunteer coordinator for Planned Parenthood from 1992 to 2003. He and his wife, Jean, who was on the board, were tremendous supporters of Planned Parenthood."

establishing the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

After her election to the City Council, "I would see him at events for the Fund for Santa Barbara and the Environmental Defense Center. I got to know him as an advocate for so many organizations."

Ms. Egenolf remembers the weekend that she, her husband, Rob Egenolf, and the Schuylers were among a group of Aeromedicos volunteers who flew to Cadage, Mexico, to paint a cinder block medical-dental building.

"Barry was 78 or 79 at the time. He had a recent hip replacement and his hearing aids weren't working well. Yet, he was willing to fly to this remote area in a private plane that landed on a dirt strip. He worked for many hours and never complained. His attitude was 'Pick it up by the bootstraps. Do it. Always move forward.' His motto was, 'It's time to be part of the solution.'"

Dr. Schuyler was born Nov. 7, 1923, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and came to Santa Barbara County in the 1930s as a student at Midland School in Los