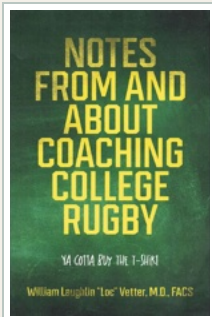


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In his own words • From book back cover

- **Loyola University Maryland:** Began coaching career in 1979 ("Kenny Ames' fault") • Hall of Fame
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- **University of San Diego:** 100+ collegiate wins • Undefeated SoCal Collegiate season • Hall of Fame
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Celebrating the Life of Coach Loc Vetter

WILLIAM LAUGHLIN "LOC" VETTER, M.D., FACS

May 19, 1950 — March 30, 2025

LOYOLA COLLEGE RUGBY COACH • 1979-1983



September 19, 2026

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do it with thy might."*

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John Molli

Captain, 1982–83

Victor Norris

Club President, 1981

Picture with MVP Trophy

Everyone in attendance will gather on Sean Lugano Field to take a group photograph with the William “Loc” Vetter MVP Trophy.



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The William “Loc” Vetter
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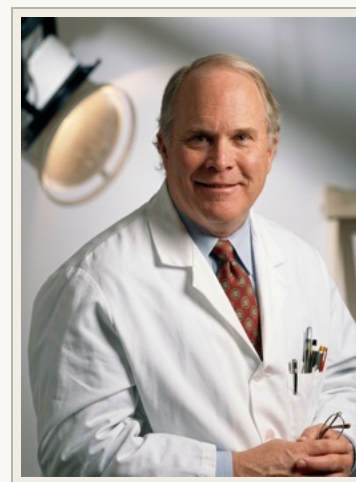
Dr. William Laughlin “Loc” Vetter passed away peacefully on the afternoon of March 30, 2025, at the age of 74, at his home in Salem, Oregon — with Amy, his wife of 29 years, his children Sara and Laughlin, and his dogs Cooper and Scooby by his side.

He is also survived by his sisters Susie Vetter and Chris Pate (Bill); his children Shaun Vanover (Bud) and John Vetter (Barbara); and his nephews Bill (Greta), Bryan (Caroline), David, and Doug (Nikki) Pate and their families.

Loc was born on May 19, 1950 in San Diego, California, to the late Dr. Ethel Margurite Waters and Dr. William Paul Vetter. He grew up in Coronado and went on to the University of California, Los Angeles, earning a BS in Physical Education (1973), an MS in Kinesiology (1975), and his MD (1978). He completed his internship and residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, and practiced orthopedic surgery for nearly five decades in San Diego, Baltimore, and Salem. Before moving to Maryland, he was active with the Coronado Yacht Club and the Coronado Rotary Club, serving as President.

Outside of surgery, Loc had many passions. He was an avid fisherman, an appreciator of fine dining, wine, and the theater, and a talented woodworker who often gave his creations to friends, family, and schools. But his favorite pursuit — undoubtedly far more than a hobby — was coaching rugby. For 22 years he spent his time outside the hospital coaching college rugby on the east and west coasts, a story he told in his own words in *Notes From and About Coaching College Rugby*.

He will be deeply missed by everyone who had the immense pleasure of knowing him — as a doctor, coach, son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend.



Dr. Loc Vetter, M.D., FACS



Loc Vetter