

The Passionate Actuary

Donald F. Mango (FCAS 1984, CERA 2014)

1963–2022

Donald F. Mango died on April 8, 2022, surrounded by his family at home after sustaining a quickly moving cancer. He was 58 years old. A man of passion, he loved fiercely. He cooked dinners, planned date nights for his beloved wife, Patricia, recorded violin recitals, cheated on game nights, laughed at parties, screamed at theme parks and cheered at swim meets. He trained for triathlons and rowing competitions and chased down prize catches on deep-sea sharking expeditions and even more prized catches in the dribbling creek behind his home in Gladstone, New Jersey. He was also passionate about the actuarial profession. In 2019 he was awarded the CAS's lifetime achievement award for volunteerism, the Matthew Rodermund Memorial Service Award. Besides serving on the CAS Board of Directors and in other capacities, he won many CAS awards for his actuarial research. He was also a prolific author and entertaining speaker. Most recently, he was senior vice president, chief actuary and chief risk officer at Everest Reinsurance Company and an adjunct lecturer in actuarial science at Columbia University's School of Professional Studies. Born on October 24, 1963, in San Francisco and raised in Houston, he graduated cum laude from Rice University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. A year later, he stumbled upon an actuarial assistant job listing in 1986 and applied on a whim. Through this impulsive decision, he met his wife. The couple has a son, Alexander. Both survive him along with family members, friends and colleagues. Donations can be made to The Actuarial Foundation's Actuarial Diversity Scholarship Program at www.actuarialfoundation.org/remembering-don-mango.