

Martin F. Suto (March 7, 1947 - May 12, 2020)

Marty Suto, past member of the Los Gatos Bicycle Racing Club (LGBRC) in the 1960s, died on May 12, 2020. Marty began riding racing bikes in the 7th grade and soon found his passion in this solitary sport where single-mindedness resulted in success. Bicycle racing was a great influence on his life, second only to his family. Marty's goal in the 1960s was to make the US Olympic team. Although he beat some of the finest American riders several times, he did not make the 1964 and 1968 teams.

During the 1960s, Marty enjoyed the mentorship of the great Olympic competitor and Pan American Games medalist, Bob Tetzlaff, co-founder of the LGBRC. Marty trained with Mike Steffani (son of Ed Steffani, one of the club's founders), Bucky De Mers (an incredible sprinter) and Eric Hinge. Marty annually competed in the LGBRC's Cat's Hill Classic bike race with his family cheering him on.

While off the bike, Marty graduated from New College at San Jose State University and received his master's degree in European History and a PhD in American history at UCLA. In 1982 Marty received a Juris Doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania.

His enthusiasm for history and charismatic teaching style was amplified by a prodigious memory for facts and stories. Through Marty's reading he became interested in finance, working at Bear Stearns and teaching at New York University plus the New School for Social Research. Later Marty taught at several colleges in the Bay Area.

A gathering to celebrate Marty's life will occur when family and friends can safely come together.



Former LGBRC Member, Marty Suto, at the 2002 Death Ride