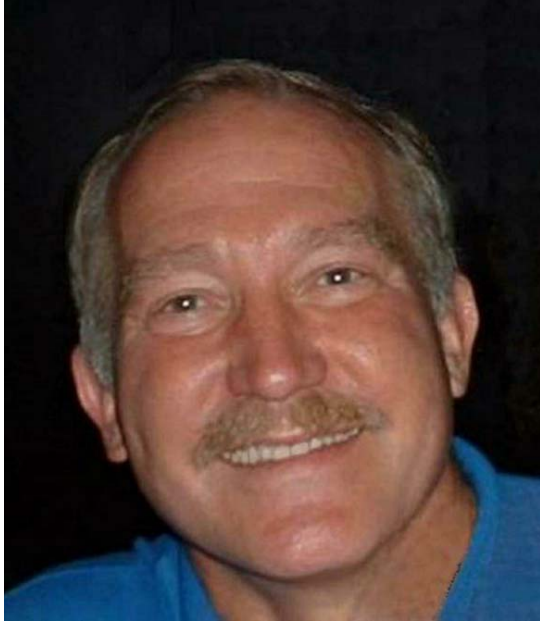


## Legacy Runner Scott Cline



### LA Marathon Memory

My single strongest memory is of Muhammad Ali from the earlier 1990s. (It was at the start of one of our marathons, heading North on Figueroa from the Coliseum area). Ali attended many of these earlier starts, and I've done them all, so sorry, I can't be certain which year it was.

Ali is up on the Starter's stand, waving to us as we go by. Many, many people are chanting, "Ali! Ali!" while beginning their own personal endeavor. Despite his debilitating Parkinson's, Ali came and gave strength to many of us.

One of the runners going by got so wrapped up in the enthusiasm that he removed his LA Marathon runner's hat and then, apparently without thinking about Ali's Parkinson's, flung it up to him. The hat was flying on a curve to pass in front of Ali, spinning as a Frisbee does. I was amazed to watch Ali's eyes lock onto the hat, and see his hand snake out to strike and grab the hat before it flew past. A cheer from the crowd!