



Although difficult to note from a distance, (but seen here) Lorenzo's eyes had the "green fire" in them that Aldo Leopold described in his "Thinking Like a Mountain" essay. JULIE LAWRENCE PHOTO.

Lorenzo

TRIBUTE

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Windows to the soul

I DON'T KNOW HOW to describe what Lorenzo meant to the Wolf Haven family, which includes staff, members, visitors, volunteers – and all of you. When I think about him, all these images pass before me, mostly of his eyes. Lorenzo's eyes looked deep into a person; they were so unique and intense.

Lorenzo was a Mexican gray wolf that came to us from a zoo in 2004 to become an exhibit animal and teach people the importance of protecting this very rare subspecies of wolf.

In November, Lorenzo started to have nosebleeds and soon after we noticed that there were some changes to his facial structure. Mexican wolves have a high rate of nasal carcinoma and our fears became a reality after we consulted with two different veterinarians. Unfortunately

there is no cure for this type of cancer and all we could do was to give him medications to make him comfortable.

For several months he was his normal self – he played, ate and did all the things that made him unique. He always put smiles on people's faces; he was a favorite to many photographers for he was magnificent.

All that changed on Saturday, June 7, when he stopped taking his medication. We tried every food combination we could think of; he would still come up to the fence but turned down any food. We knew that without his pain medication he would suffer, so we made the agonizing decision to humanly euthanize him. As I stood there and watched his spirit leave his body, all I could think of was that I would never be able to

look into those eyes again.

So long Lorenzo and thank you for gracing us with your presence. We are left with many memories and pictures of you, and the sound of your beautiful voice is missed throughout the sanctuary.

I know I will look into those eyes again someday. 

SADLY, WE ALSO SAID good-bye to Aldo, who passed away at the age of 17 years. He was genetically one of the most valuable animals in the Mexican wolf recovery program and was 100% McBride – one of the three lineages that founded this Species Survival Plan. Aldo was managed as a pre-release animal and lived in an off-tour area of the sanctuary. 