

William Knudson and Bradley Long

Bradley Long, 39, and his partner William Knudson, 53 had been heading home after visiting the bed and breakfast inn they owned in Puerto Vallarta.

They "lived life to the fullest," said Laura Lyon, vice president at Lyon & Associates Real Estate in Sacramento, Cali., where Long had worked for the past decade.

The men owned a magnificent home on the Sacramento River, Lyon said.

"They were very much into boating and had a large hobby restoring old cars," Lyon said. "They were always entertaining, very, very generous, warmhearted gentlemen."

At Inland Business Systems in Sacramento, a business machines company Knudson helped found in 1977, chief financial officer Judy Mason said Knudson's "incredible insight" cannot be replaced.

"His shoes will never be filled," Mason said.