Clare (Clarence) Bugman

Clare Bugman, longtime member of Minnesota Dahlia Society & ADS, passed away on 2/24/17. He and his loving wife Inez were exuberant about dahlias and Clare enthusiastically offered his warmth & humor to all. He served for many years as a Candidate/Apprentice, Accredited, Senior and Honorary judge. Clare entered the realm of judging in 1989 under the tutelage of Herb Brase, becoming a senior judge in 2002 and mentoring many new dahlia growers. In 2008, he was appointed an Honorary Judge, after he and Inez downsized their living arrangement. Although no longer able to remain active in all growing & exhibiting activities, Clare continued to help MDS by judging and contributing at shows and meetings. We could always count on Clare to help out at the trial garden. One evening Larry Bagge showed up just as Clare was finishing up. He had hoed the entire garden backward so that no footprints would be left in the dirt.

Clare was always very welcoming to new members, and his infectious smile was the best greeting any member could receive. Always cheerful and a hard worker, he will be sadly missed.