Jean Knutson, long-time dahlia grower and exhibitor in the Pacific Northwest, passed away on April 29, 2014 at the age of 81. Jean had 250 dahlia plants in her front yard, as well as another 125 at her son’s home. She was a member of the Puget Sound Dahlia Association for many years, and was loved and admired by many in the Federation of NW Dahlia growers.

She and her husband Bill traveled to dahlia shows all over the world, including the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia, enjoying the company of friends, and collecting countless awards for her dahlias. She was a Senior Dahlia judge.

Jean’s husband Bill passed away in 1997 and she is survived by her six children. She will be missed, not only for her lovely dahlias, but also for her wisdom, patience, friendship, and of course, her black-bottom cupcakes and cookies that were always there when you stopped to visit.

Her obituary is at: