Lou Eckhoff passed away the evening of Saturday, May 23, 2015. He had recently moved in with his daughter Judi & son-in-law Ray, where he was able to enjoy the last three weeks of his life, surrounded by family, including his beloved grand- and great-grandchildren. He passed peacefully in his sleep, in his favorite chair.

Lou was a father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grand father and friend to many. Lou retired from Boeing and spent his retirement years growing, showing, and originating dahlias with his wife Patti. For over 30 years, SeaTac Gardens produced many award winning dahlias. People from all over the world came to tour the gardens and took dahlia tubers home to grow.

At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Puget Sound Dahlia Association and held the distinction of Honorary ADS Judge.

His life was celebrated with full military honors on June 18 at Tahoma National Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his late wife, Patti. A reception followed at SeaTac Gardens.