

## Walter S. Taylor, Jr.



Walt Taylor of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, passed away on May 16, 2017 at the age of 87. Walt was a member of the Rhode Island Dahlia Society (RIDS), and for many years served as the Regional Vice President to the ADS Executive Board, representing the North Atlantic Dahlia Conference (NADC). Walt and his wife Dot drove long distances to attend board meetings, bringing back the latest ADS news from these meetings to RIDS members.

As a young man, Walt served in the US Air Force during the Korean War, 1951-1954, and continued to serve as a member of the Reserves for 10 years. He remained active in the veteran community as a member of the American Legion Post #12, North Kingstown. Walt worked as a surveyor for the state of Rhode Island, and he and his wife Dot also operated the "Never Enough Thyme Farm."

Walt was an ADS Senior Judge, and served as the RIDS president, show chairman and ADS Representative for many years. His love of the dahlia was second only to his love for his wife and their family. Walt is survived by wife Dot, daughters Linda (David) Redmond, Donna (Norman) Gould, and Nancy (Karl) Auginbaugh, 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Gifts in his memory can be made to the North Kingstown Food Pantry, 445 School Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Walt will be greatly missed by the NADC and the RIDS.

