

GERALD LEE (JERRY) LOHMANN

October 28, 1937 – June 18, 2017



Sadly, our friend, dahlia expert and mentor Jerry Lohmann passed away peacefully on June 18 this year after a courageous 3-year battle with cancer. Jerry was a senior dahlia judge and shared so much information with all of us in the dahlia community, both here in the local San Diego County Dahlia Society and with other dahlia organizations throughout the country.

Jerry was born and raised in San Diego, California. He completed his education in San Diego with a Bachelor's degree from San Diego State College in 1959. In that same year he married his wife Lynda. They have two sons, two grandsons, and a great-granddaughter, Margo, who was the light of Jerry's life. Jerry's worked in credit and collections for Union Bank for 30 years.

But he had several interests that became his passion...growing and exhibiting dahlias for over 50 years, collecting rocks and mineral specimens since he was a child, and involvement with the Boy Scouts. He joined the San Diego County Dahlia Society in 1962 and Jerry and Lynda traveled to the dahlia shows in California for many years with their children. Jerry spent 48 years in scouting, first with a Cub Scout pack then with a Boy Scout troop which was founded in his garage in 1970. Both of his sons and grandsons became Eagle Scouts.

The Lohmanns loved to travel. Many trips were with the Scouts but they also spent time in Hawaii, Ireland, and several countries in Europe. One of our society's members remembers Jerry this way: "The countless lives he has had impact on from Boy Scouts to people on the street with his upbeat encouragement, twinkle in his eye, solid values, and great smile will live on in all our hearts and memories." This sentiment is common to all of us who knew and loved Jerry.

Jerry's wishes were that no services were to be held. In lieu of flowers donations could be made to Boy Scouts of America, San Diego Imperial Council.