

## IN MEMORIAM



**Paul E. Mohr**

Paul E. Mohr, 87 of Corcoran, MN went home to heaven on 3/30/17. Born 3/25/30 in Watertown, WI, he served in the Korean War, earning the Purple Heart with cluster. He married Vivian Evans 5/11/57 and together they were active in the Church of the Open Door for 48 years. Paul was an electrician with many diverse hobbies, including building wood duck houses, inventing, fishing, creating games and growing dahlias. The Mohr family volunteered in Peru with Wycliffe Bible translators for 9 months. Other ministries included Lions Club, children's ministries, Awana and clowning. He and other Korean veterans were honored by the South Korean government in 2002.

Paul Mohr was a longtime member of the Minnesota Dahlia Society, teaching judging classes and showing dahlias. Inquisitive and enthusiastic, Paul was eager to learn as much as he could about dahlias and to share his love for dahlias. He was generous, sharing his tubers and taking bouquets to local schools and teaching the children to plant and grow dahlias. MDS member Kyle Cassidy received 75 tubers and growing secrets from Paul when he joined the club. It must have worked because Kyle is now a commercial grower of dahlias! Paul attended every meeting and frequently worked at the trial garden. Club members remember him fondly for his innovative ways and creative ideas. A few months ago he brought one of his new inventions to our meeting, a transport system suitable for up to 12 vases of flowers. We could always count on Paul to bring his homemade ring toss game to our annual picnic.

Paul is survived by his wife, Vivian of nearly 60 years; children Sheri (Brian) Richtmyre, Tim (Jean) Mohr, Jill (Allen) Dahmen; 9 grandchildren and his first great grandchild due in June; 3 step grandchildren and 5 great-stepchildren; siblings Norbert Mohr, Doris (Wally) Zastrow, Beatrice (Earl) Ball and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Gladys Mohr; father Paul Mohr; brothers Edgar, Kenneth, David, and Marvin; sister Eunice; and one preborn grandbaby.

Paul was always thinking of others and loved being resourceful in ways that gave to others. The Minnesota Dahlia Society sends our condolences to Paul's family and friends. He will be missed by his many friends in the dahlia world.