

## **In Memoriam: Steve Nowotarski**

With great difficulty and deep sadness, ADS President Don Dramstad has announced the passing of Steve Nowotarski on January 13, 2015, in New York City. Steve was a giant in the gardening world and the American Dahlia Society in particular. He recognized many years ago that the dahlia world was larger than just exhibiting dahlias at shows, and hybridizers from around the world would send their new creations to Steve to test them for quality. Being a fierce competitor with dahlias helped to make him a top rate judge.

Steve combined the skills of a traditional grower, exhibitor and hybridizer, with a visionary's commitment to the development of the dahlia as a popular flower appealing to the general gardening public. He was a proponent of organic, chemical-free gardening and wrote extensively and persuasively. Steve also saw the value of dahlias as a container and bedding flower, and produced a how-to video that had wide circulation. His work at the Callahan Dahlia Garden at Planting Fields in Long Island, New York introduced the dahlia to thousands of new growers. He produced an attractive brochure for the new grower and an e-newsletter to supplement the ADS website.

In 2013, Steve became the recipient of the ADS Gold Medal, the Society's highest award. He had been deeply involved in the planning of the ADS Centennial Show to be held in September 2015, hosted by his Mid-Island Dahlia Society.

### **Wake:**

Thursday, January 15, 2015  
3 pm – 5:30 pm  
McCourt & Trudden Funeral Home  
385 Main Street  
Farmingdale, NY  
516 249-1303

### **Church Service:**

Thursday, January 15, 2015  
7 pm  
Farmingdale Methodist Church  
407 Main Street  
Farmingdale, NY  
516 694 3424

**The ADS extends its deepest condolences to Audrey and the Nowotarski family.**

