



## Jack S. Pomeroy

May 7, 1929 - January 14, 2014

Jack passed away January 14, 2014 at his home in Escondido with his devoted wife of 56 years by his side.

He is also survived by his sons, Jeffrey and fiancée Barbara Jean (NJ), Richard and fiancée, Kimberly (FL); daughter, Susan and husband Jim (FL); Jack's sister, Louise Valkenburg (PA); and grandsons, Charles, Jake and Alec (all NJ). He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen (1998).

Jack was born in Bethlehem, PA on May 7, 1929 and graduated from Lehigh University, June 1951, majoring in Conservation of Natural Resources (Environmental Science). Summer employment in 1950-51 involved naturalist activities with the National Park Service. Jack served in the US Army 1951-53 during the Korean War. He underwent an 18 week light-weapons infantry training program at Camp Roberts, CA. He was assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers, 29th Engineer Topographic Battalion located in the Philippine Islands. Jack was honorably discharged in 1953.

Jack's career of 36 years with the US Geological Survey involved mainly geographic mapping in various states. In his later years, landslide investigation in the Appalachians occupied most of his time. He authored a large number of publications and received a Superior Performance Award in 1988 from his peers.

Jack and Sally retired in late 1989 and moved from Rockville, MD to Escondido. Jack served as president of the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee for several years and led hikes for a 20 year period for that group and interested citizenry. He served as docent for the Escondido Historic Walking Tours and was its coordinator from 1992 to 2006. For 13 years, he was hiking leader for Caballeros de Adventura (Hispanic youth group) and from 2000 to 2011, he served as a Daley Ranch naturalist leading monthly hikes. For his involvement in these activities he received awards from the California State Assembly, and the Cities of Escondido and San Marcos. Jack documented his activities in a diary started at the beginning of his retirement which indicated over 5,000 participants attended his hikes and walks over the years.

Jack and Sally enjoyed travel (nearly half of which were trips to see their family living in New Jersey and Florida). He was an avid reader and possessed hundreds of books on US history particularly on the migration of the West and presidential history (his favorite being

Teddy Roosevelt). Listening to classical music was a favorite past time of Jack's. He participated in 58 - 5K running events from 1992 to 1997, often finishing in the top of his age category. He wrote over 180 published letters-to-the-editor on a variety of subjects, mostly environmental. Jack was a member of the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church. A private family tribute is being planned for late Spring of 2014. In lieu of flowers, Jack requested that donations be made directly to the Friends of Daley Ranch, PO Box 461173, Escondido, CA 92046 or The Elizabeth Hospice, Inc., 500 La Terraza Blvd., Ste. 130, Escondido, CA 92025.