

IN MEMORIAM



HARRY C. ADAMSON

The world lost a uniquely talented, kind, and generous man Sunday, April 22, 2012, when Harry Curieux Adamson peacefully passed away at his home in Lafayette, CA. Harry, who would have been 96 in November, died of natural causes.

Harry entered this life on November 14, 1916, in Seattle, Washington. He was the oldest of three sons born to Harry E. and Augusta Adamson and grew up just outside Hayward, CA. He met his lifelong love, Betty, through the Berkeley Hiking Club in 1941, just before he entered the Army, where he served four years. Harry and Betty were married in 1944.

After the war, Harry's life's work was his passion - wildlife oil painting. He and Betty traveled the world together, covering all seven continents, during their 65 years together. They loved observing native birds and cultures of the different regions.

Harry and Betty were both members of California Waterfowl as well as several nature organizations and were founding members of the Mt. Diablo Audubon Society. Over the years, Harry donated paintings and prints worth almost \$3 million to raise money for various conservation projects and causes. Harry was California Waterfowl's first Artist of the Year, as well as being named Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year in 1979. In addition to being the first living member inducted into the California Waterfowler's Hall of Fame, California Waterfowl also created an award in his honor. The Harry C. Adamson Award recognizes those who exhibit exemplary efforts and generosity on behalf of California's waterfowl, wetlands, and outdoor heritage.

A uniquely gifted artist, Harry was able to transfer his love of wildlife and its habitat from his soul to the canvass in a way that captured the heart of the viewer. He became a world-renowned wildlife artist, with his art displayed internationally and at many prestigious locales such as the White House. He was still painting at age 94 until his health began to weaken. His works can be viewed at the Blue Wing Art Gallery, 405 Main St. Woodland, CA 95695, www.bluewinggallery.com, or at www.harryadamson.com.

Harry is survived by his brother, Charles; his sister, Hermine; a host of wonderful nieces and nephews; dear friends Al Eby and Sandy Amaro; and Robert and Linda Whalen. This quiet-spoken, gentle man will be missed by all who were blessed to know him, personally or through his art.

A public celebration of Harry's life will be held at a later date. If you would like to be notified of the service, you can contact Blue Wing Gallery at (530) 402-2393 or email memorial@harryadamson.com.

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