



Jeremy D. Hass

March 24, 1936 - June 30, 2014

Jeremy Dennis Hass passed away unexpectedly on June 30, 2014, at his home in Santa Barbara. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 24, 1936, Jeremy was the eldest son of John Kelleher Hass and Margaret Gray Hass. As a Mayflower descendant, he was proud of his Irish, Scottish, and Schleswig-Holstein forbears. Jeremy spent his early years in St. Paul, Minnesota, before his family moved west. His father was an attorney and intelligence officer at the Marine Corps air base in Goleta during World War II. The family made Santa Barbara a permanent home after the war. John Hass was the founding partner in the law firm, Weldon and Hass. Margaret, Jeremy's mother, was employed as a court reporter.

Jeremy attended Goleta Union School, Dolores and San Roque parochial schools, and graduated from Santa Barbara Catholic High School in 1954. He then attended Pomona College where he majored in economics-engineering, with a minor in history, before going on to Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, and Loyola University in Los Angeles. He was admitted to the California State Bar and joined the family law firm. Jeremy retired from the firm in 2001.

On April 24, 1976, Jeremy married Ada Pinga at Mission Santa Barbara after being introduced by a mutual friend. A year and half later they gave birth to their beloved daughter Melinda. They remained a devoted couple and celebrated their 38th anniversary this year. In the mid 1960's, while working for Jules Brasseur at Santa Barbara Title Company, Jeremy became interested in the Presidio project, a historic site in downtown Santa Barbara. He plotted the boundaries of the old fortress by studying historic property documents. By 1967 he was an active volunteer at the Presidio Project, which conducted archaeological excavations and public events at the site.

In early 1971, Jeremy wrote a proposal for the future Presidio project at the request of Miss Pearl Chase and the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP). For the next several decades Jeremy played a major part in property acquisitions for what became El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historical Park. He was instrumental in the gift of the El Paseo and Casa de la Guerra to the SBTHP. In the 1990's, while a member of the Santa Barbara Trust's Mills Committee, he helped arrange the purchase of the Sana Ines Mission Mills by SBTHP.

Always a student of history and cultures, Jeremy presented papers at a number of conferences. His intensive research on the subjects of waterworks, fulling mills, and of

California pioneer Joseph Chapman contributed not only to his own publications, but to the academic field; providing source material for scholarly research on the subject by others. Prior to and during his retirement, Jeremy Hass loved collecting and restoring antique cars. He was a past president of the Antique Automobile Club of America and a member of the Horseless Carriage Club. Over the last several years, Jeremy made a monthly appearance on "History Friday" for Baron Ron Herron's radio show.

Jeremy's involvement with organizations included sitting on the boards of the California Chapter of the American Irish Historical Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, California Mission Studies Association, and the Scholarship Foundation of the Filipino Community Association. He was a member of the State Bar of California and the Santa Barbara County Bar Association. Jeremy joined the Santa Barbara Corral of the Westerners International in 1976 and served as sheriff (president) in 1986-87. Following in the footsteps of his father, Jeremy provided legal advice to the local Filipino Community Association. Jeremy served on the Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board and was active in the San Juan Metro Manila/Santa Barbara Sister City Association. Three years ago he organized and formed the non-profit, Early California Agriculture and Technology Society (ECATS).

Jeremy was a Life Honorary Director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. He received the 2000 SBTHP Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award. In 2004, he was presented the Bayanihan Spirit Award by the Filipino-American Community Association of Goleta and Santa Barbara. In 2003 he was given the President's Award of the California Mission Studies Association.

Jeremy is survived by his loving wife Ada, his adored daughter Melinda "M'Lynn" Judith Hass, his brother Mike Hass, nephew Todd and two grand nephews, Kurt and Ryan, as well as scores of admiring and bereaved friends.

A tribute and vigil will be held on Thursday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Presidio Chapel of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, 123 E. Canon Perdido Street. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 11th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapel. A funeral mass will take place on Saturday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 21 East Sola Street. Arrangements by Welch-Ryce-Haider.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation with notation "restricted to support of Santa Ines Mission Mills," 123 E. Canon Perdido St., Santa Barbara, California 93101.

Comments



“ I send my sincere condolences to his family. I did not know Jeremy Hass personally but he was a contemporary growing up in Santa Barbara as I did. I enjoyed his interviews on History Fridays. He brought the local history and the role the Missions and Chumash played to life by his anecdotes in easy and simple language with his enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge and detail. I will miss him on the program. Sally Ann Camp

Sally Ann Camp - July 16, 2014 at 03:28 PM



“ Dear Ada, Melinda and Mike, I was so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I can't believe how much the picture of Jerry looks like Uncle John. My sincere condolences. Julie Hass

Julie Hass - July 10, 2014 at 04:16 PM



“ Christian Millr lit a candle in memory of Jeremy D. Hass



christian millr - July 09, 2014 at 01:40 PM



“ Good bye my friend, you will be missed. Because of you, we have been doing business in Santa Barbara 5 years strong now...thank you for opportunity you provided. I will miss the old stories, but take with me the warm compassion you always showed me. God Bless you, and my deepest condolences to your family. May they find strength in knowing that you are in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Esteban Pujol
Commercial Process Serving, Inc.

Esteban Pujol - July 09, 2014 at 01:36 PM



“ your husband, father, brother and uncle was a good man. If one third of the universe had the heart of Jeremy, the act of love, passion and compassion will not be a lacking quality among our race. He also had the eyes that saw no boundary between economic, social or racial differences. He made sacrifices for the ones he'd loved and shown compassion to the bewildered. He is been missed by many. He is truly been missed by me. I could say the least of activities between us but they might seem like the best. You won my heart Jeremy. I am certain that you lie within the cradle of eternity with all the great ones and guarded by our Heavenly Father. Live in peace J. I would loved meeting you many times over.

Christian Miller.



christian millr - July 09, 2014 at 01:10 PM



“ A class act,glad I got to know this great man!

Mary Knapp - July 09, 2014 at 12:26 AM



“ A family friend; a close personal friend ; a kindred spirit - gone, but not forgotten. God speed, Jeremy

Michael R . Hardwick - July 09, 2014 at 12:08 AM



“ I was a friend of Jeremy in our Car club. We ate many meals together and would always buy books at the car club auction. I would tease him and call him "skinny" since he lost all the weight. I had lost a lot of weight too,so i knew how hard it was to do. We became good friends and would see each other at car shows. We shared our love of antique cars.I sure will miss his stories, his friendship and his wonderful smile. My prayers I send to his family at this difficult time. Alice Burke



Alice Burke - July 08, 2014 at 02:21 PM