

John Robert Haller September 21, 1930 - August 17, 2016

John Robert (Bob) Haller, renowned California botanist, expert on western pines, inspirational teacher, and mentor, died on August 17, 2016, at home in Goleta, California. Bob joined the faculty at the UCSB in 1957, retiring after 4 decades to serve as an educator at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden along with his wife and botanical colleague Dr. Nancy Vivrette, teaching classes, leading field trips, and continuing to inspire a new audience with a love of California's flora. He was honored as a Local Hero by the Santa Barbara Independent in 2001.Bob is survived by his wife, Nancy, and his brother, Norman Haller, along with many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Bob's life will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Bob Haller Memorial Fund at UCSB and SBBG.