



A. Gerloff Homan

September 9, 1925 - May 1, 2012

Anne Gerlof Homan was born on September 9, 1925 in Harkstede, Holland to Klaas and Sitske Homan. He was the third of four sons and grew up on a dairy farm in the town of Appingedam with his parents and brothers Klaas, Jr., Biense and Gerlof.

As a young man, Jerry became very interested in the United States' democratic principles and in the history of the Founding Fathers of our Country. In 1948, Jerry emigrated to the USA. He initially settled in Kansas and studied at both Bethel College and Kansas State University. He then moved to California and obtained a Masters degree in Economics from Stanford University and PhD in Economics from the University of Oregon.

Jerry went on to live most of his adult life in the San Francisco Bay area working in research (SRI), corporate America (Bechtel and Bank of America) and in education. For 20 years, he taught International Finance at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He ultimately became Dean of the Business School at GGU where he took great pride in teaching and mentoring literally thousands of bright students.

In addition to Jerry's professional successes, he was a loving father and husband. He is survived by his kind and nurturing wife Alita to who he was married for 17 wonderful years. He will be greatly missed by his three sons:

Walt (Jan), Ron (Nan), Ray (Beth). Jerry took great interest in their lives and looked forward to their frequent trips to Santa Barbara and the numerous family reunions where there was much laughter, good food and great conversation. Jerry is also survived by his 5 grandchildren who gave him so much joy: Christine, Jeff, Danielle, Brandon, Kaitlin and Eric. Jerry was predeceased by his brother Biense and is survived by his brothers Klaas and Gerlof. He will also be missed by his extended family in the Netherlands who he loved deeply.

The family wishes to thank all of the members of our community for their love and support during the last two months. In particular, we wish to thank Jerry's fellow parishioners at Santa Barbara First Presbyterian Church and the hospice workers and medical staff who cared for Jerry during his illness with cancer.

A Memorial service for Jerry will be held on Friday, June 1st at 2pm at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. Please send contributions to First Presbyterian Church at 21 E. Constance Ave., S.B., 93105 or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care at 222 E. Canon Perdido St., S.B., 93101 in Jerry's memory.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
(805) 969-3231

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
21 E. Constance Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
<http://www.fpcsb.org>