

REMEMBRANCE OF A FRIEND
Ronald A. Dahlquist (FCAS 1980)
1951-2018

I first met Ron Dahlquist when Rick Sherman hired him away from Transamerica to work in the San Francisco office of Coopers & Lybrand, where I was a student. We immediately found something in common — twin boys. His were a little older, and I looked to Ron for advice and perspective in life as well as in my actuarial career. Ron moved from C&L to Industrial Indemnity to build a non-comp pricing team to complement the WC team Les Dropkin had been leading for many years. Soon after he joined Industrial, California's Prop 103 passed, which was just Ron's luck! But true to form, Ron rolled up his sleeves and did an outstanding job orchestrating Industrial's non-comp filings for the first time ever in California. I hear the party after the final submission was quite the wing ding! Ron moved from Industrial to CSAA (AAA of Northern California) where he modernized the actuarial department and built CSAA's first product management department. Ron ended his distinguished career as chief actuary for California's Department of Insurance. In all of Ron's roles, his commitment to duty and professionalism never faltered. Our Society lost one of its unsung heroes.

Respectfully,
Dan Murphy, FCAS, Trinostics, with Martin King, ACAS, Kaiser Permanente



Industrial Indemnity circa 1991. West Coast actuaries may recognize many young faces in the group above. The arrow indicates a young Ron Dahlquist.

THE GREAT OUTDOORSMAN
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Ron Dahlquist, a smart, friendly man who cherished nature, died on August 15, 2018, just days after celebrating his 67th birthday with his family. His last post was as chief actuary for the State of California Department of Insurance in San Francisco. He was born August 4, 1951, in Red Wing, Minnesota, to Rudolph and Junice Dahlquist. He graduated summa cum laude in 1974 from UCLA with a degree in mathematics. After earning his FCAS, he moved to the Bay Area, where he continued his actuarial career and found time to serve on the CAS Examination Committee (1983-1986). Dahlquist loved the Sierra Nevada mountain range, and he took his family and friends there on numerous backpacking trips. An accomplished amateur photographer, he had a long list of lakes and mountains that he wanted to visit and photograph. He is survived by his twin sons Matthew and Michael; his brother and sister-in-law, Reuben and Meredith Dahlquist, and their children, Natalie and Jeffrey; stepchildren Jenna, Adam and Ben Carlsson; and his nieces Ruth Dahlquist Willard and Elizabeth Polk. His brother Richard, sister-in-law Anna Marie, and half-sister Carolyn pre-deceased him.

To further the continued stewardship of one of his favorite places, donations in Dahlquist's name can be made to the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (www.mdia.org).