



## LOAL VON DER WERTH

March 29, 1941 - September 19, 2015

Loal von der Werth passed away peacefully in Grass Valley on Sept. 19, 2015 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving family.

He was born to Lois and Albert von der Werth Jr. at Cottage Hospital in San Rafael and raised in Mill Valley.

After attending Tamalpais High School, he began working in construction for Ed Burgar. In 1965, he was hired by the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Transportation District. Through the application of a strong work ethic, dedication and natural abilities, he became Director of District Services; he retired in 1991.

Loal came from a family of Oregon boat builders and was an uncommonly industrious, hard-working and unique problem solver with a passion for making his home and garden a beautiful peaceful place for family and friends.

His love of nature, animals and the arts was reflected in everything her pursued. As part of that generation of young people growing up in the '50s who loved iconic American cars, he spent a good part of his youth learning about them, rebuilding them and racing them.

His knowledge and love of the combustible engine was always a big part of

his life which he gladly shared with all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marina Delfino; daughter Lynn von der Werth (Bene da Silva); son Eric von der Werth; brother Albert von der Werth III (Kathy); niece Heather; great-nephew Brandon and his cousin Barbara Schaaf.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 17 in Grass Valley and on Oct. 24 in Marin County. Please call 530-268-7600 or 415-897-9039 for details.

Donations may be made to Sammie's Friends ([sammiesfriends.org](http://sammiesfriends.org)) of Nevada County.