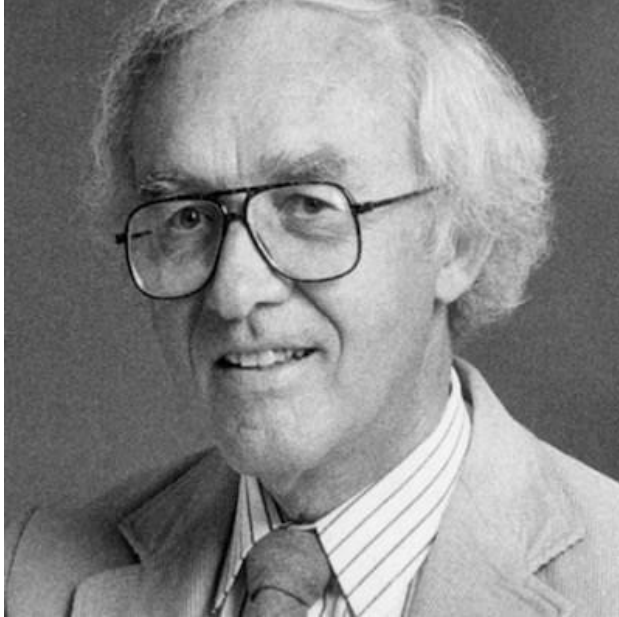


## Stanley Stevens 1933-2022



Retired UCSC Map Librarian Stanley D. Stevens died October 25 at age 88. Stan was born in San Francisco and later moved to Oakland. In 1940 he moved with his family to Paso Robles, where his father took a job working for the Post Office at Camp Roberts. He was a 1951 graduate of Paso Robles High School and regularly attended class reunions.

After graduating high school, he attended San Jose State where he studied political science with emphasis on international relations. He worked briefly at the United Nations before returning to San Jose where he worked in the San Jose State library and where, in 1960, he met his future wife, Carli Lewis.

Stan and Carli settled in Santa Cruz shortly after they married. He applied for a job in the library at the new UCSC campus and started working there in 1965 before the first students arrived. For nearly 30 years he served as map librarian at the McHenry Library, building the collection from scratch into an invaluable resource for students, faculty, and the public. During this time he was very active with the Western Association of Map Libraries.

Stan and Carli adopted three children, Alex, Nik, and Brooke, whom they raised in Santa Cruz. Son Alex died in 2012. Stan was actively involved in many Santa Cruz community groups including the ACLU, the Genealogical Society, and the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History. He was a member and supporter of several other historical museums and societies. In 1966 he helped found the Catalyst in the old St. George Hotel.

Stan, ever modest, considered himself an "amateur" historian, but his accomplishments in the study of Santa Cruz County History were numerous and scholarly. While map librarian, he acquired for the University collection many records from the F. A. Hihn company. Stan eventually became an authority on the life and business dealings of Hihn, a 19th century Santa Cruz capitalist who greatly influenced the county's early history.

After retirement in 1993, he devoted even more time to local history studies. The majority of his projects focused on compiling, transcribing, and indexing material that would be useful to future historical researchers. He was the author of "Every Structure Tells A Story," "Names on the Map," "Pioneers of Santa Cruz County," and numerous articles. He inspired Donald Clark to write his "Santa Cruz County Place Names" book and helped get it published. He founded the

group Researchers Anonymous in 1993 as a way for local historians to share discoveries and help each other. He founded the "Santa Cruz County History Journal" in 1994, which has now published 9 volumes plus an online edition.

He was named Historian of the Year in 2000 by the History Forum at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History and was listed in Who's Who in America. In 2018 the Capitola Historical Museum interviewed Stan for the Capitola Memories Project, which is on YouTube.

Stan's thoughtfulness and generosity helping others won him hundreds of friends and admirers. He will be deeply missed, but his contributions to local history will be put to use far into the future.

Stan's wife, Carli, passed away in 2021 after 61 years of marriage. Stan is survived by his son Nikolas Stevens and his wife KD and their daughter Danika, and by his daughter Brooke Stevens and her son Jack Rich. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Stan's honor to one of the Santa Cruz County historical museums or societies.

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## **A Devoted Emeriti Association Officer**

Stan Stevens served as Secretary/Treasurer of the UCSC Emeriti Association from 1996-2015. I served with Stan from 2008-2010 while I was President. At that time there were only two officers: President and Secretary/Treasurer. Stan would send out invitations for an Emeriti Luncheon by email and receive each reply of Reserve or Regret by email. (In earlier years, US mail was used.) Being polite, he personally acknowledged each reply. He maintained the membership list, reservations, dues paid, dealt with the caterer, and at the luncheon, took attendance and collected payments. Each summer he mailed out the Treasurer's Report and dues solicitation by US Mail.

Stan worked with me to collect the history of the EA, Past Emeriti Lectures, Past Luncheon Talks, Past Emeriti Officers, and later to collect the obituaries for our deceased Emeriti back to the beginning of UCSC. Stan tolerated my development of our shared Master Emeriti List which moved the EA membership list from his personal computer to our shared Google Drive, and changed our procedures. It was a period of change. Reservations were submitted by Google form rather than personal email. Stan also worked with Joe Bunnett, Stan Williamson, Melanie Mayer, and me to record the EA bylaws and procedures in the [Officer's Handbook](#) .

Stan played a major role as an EA officer, historian and or organization's memory for our Emeriti Association. Our members and I are thankful for all of Stan's contributions.

*-by Todd Wipke, Past President and Webmaster, UCSC Emeriti Association, Nov 8, 2022*