

Dennis Haack Obituary

Dennis G. Haack

January 21, 1944 - June 3, 2021

Lexington, Kentucky - Dennis Haack was born in Geneseo, IL, on January 21, 1944. He received his Bachelor's (1966) and Master's (1968) degrees in Mathematics at Illinois State University and completed his doctorate in Statistics at the University of Iowa in 1971. He accepted a position on the statistics faculty at the University of Kentucky in 1971 where he remained until 1981. During that time, he also served on the research staff at the Tobacco and Health Research Institute and was an Adjunct Professor in the Neurosurgery Department at the UK Medical Center.

In 1981, Dr. Haack left UK to start a contract research organization (CRO), Statistical Consultants, Inc. (SCI) which provided data management, biostatistics, and computer software services to the international pharmaceutical industry. In 1991, SCI merged with ClinTrials, which was the first CRO to go public in 1993. Dr. Haack left ClinTrials in 1995 and has served as a private consultant for numerous clients.

Dr. Haack's passions, besides his beloved family, were art, which he collected with his wife, Geri, wine collecting, and traveling. Dr. Haack served on the board of the Lexington Philharmonic and headed the PTA at both Maxwell Elementary and the St. Peter Claver Montessori Pre-School. He was head of the University of Kentucky Art Museum Advisory Board and was an active member of the UK Collectors' Group.

Dr. Haack was predeceased by his wife, Geri (Clancy) Haack who died in 2018 after nearly 52 years of marriage. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Clancy Peak (Kevin) in Atlanta with grandchildren Caroline and Jack, and son Daniel Haack (Merredith Portsmore) in Chelmsford, MA, with grandchildren Austin and Connor. He is also survived by his twin brother Dean Haack. He was predeceased by his sisters Gail Watrous and Betty Bolton.

A private family burial will take place later this year. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Holt International (holtinternational.org) or Camp Sunshine (mycampsunshine.com). To share a remembrance of Dr. Haack or offer condolences to his family, please visit milwardfuneral.com.

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