



## Henry Wendt III

July 19, 1933 - April 11, 2024

HENRY WENDT III of Gladwyne PA, passed away peacefully April 11, 2024, aged 90. Mr. Wendt was born July 19, 1933 in Neptune City, NJ and grew up in Sands Point and Tuxedo Park NY. He graduated in 1951 from the Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY, and in 1955 from Princeton University.

He started work at Smith Kline and French in 1955, which became SmithKline Beecham, retiring in 1994 as Chairman of the Board and CEO. A lifelong sailor, fly fisherman, and collector of antique maps, Mr. Wendt was the author of *Global Embrace* and the founder of Quivira Estate Vineyards and Winery. Mr. Wendt is survived by his wife of 67 years, Holly (Peterson), and daughters Chelsea Wendt (Moe) and Laura Mitchell (Kenneth), three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and two of his three sisters, Martha Nesbitt and Nancy Evans.

Memorial services will be private.

Donations in memory of Mr. Wendt may be made to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I had the wonderful pleasure of working for Henry and Holly for ten years. They touched my life in so many positive ways and I learned so much from Henry. Such and amazing person!

*Margie Martin*

*Friday Harbor, WA*

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**Margie Martin** - May 10, 2024 at 05:59 PM

RK

“ 1 file added to the album photos



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**Richard Kurtz** - May 06, 2024 at 12:25 AM

SA

“ Nicest man you would ever want to meet. Always a smile & hello whenever we would meet which was almost daily @SKF. Rest in Peace

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**Susan Adams** - May 01, 2024 at 08:24 AM

LS

“ Lindsay S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Henry Wendt III.

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**Lindsay S.** - April 23, 2024 at 12:48 PM

AS

“ Absolutely the most brilliant and best leader we had at SmithKline during my career. I admired him, respected him and enjoyed working for him. He knew all aspects of the companies business and encouraged all. I missed him when he retired, but never forgot his relationship with me. My sincerest sympathy to his family, and my prayers are with him as well

Angelo Scolieri - April 21, 2024 at 10:47 AM

PB

I truly respected Henry during shared days at SmithKline. His quiet demeanor and refinement enhanced his leadership qualities. He had a twinkle in his eye. A true gentleman with a vision.

Patricia Bagley - April 21, 2024 at 11:43 AM

KD

I worked for Henry for 3 weeks when I was in the secretarial pool in 1969. I was a nervous 18 year old, but he was so gracious and kind. Visited his winery in the 80's. He was a true gentleman. Sincere condolences to his family.

Kathleen Dalessandro - April 21, 2024 at 01:12 PM

MK

Mr. Wendt was truly a gentleman and was highly respected and admired. May he rest in peace.

Maureen Kochanek

Maureen M Kochanek - April 21, 2024 at 01:55 PM

JG

Henry served as Chairman of the Community Foundation in Sonoma County after retiring from Smith Kline . He brought his leadership skills along with integrity and deep sense of caring for others to greatly advance the Foundations' mission. Henry treated everyone with respect and listened to all viewpoints before making decisions in the best interest of the community. Barrie Graham

james graham - April 21, 2024 at 01:56 PM

MJ

*I remember him taking time out of his day to talk with employees and shaking hands with sleeves rolled up. He really listened and cared about us! He was the best.*

Melva Jackson - April 21, 2024 at 02:13 PM

ER

*He was an extraordinary leader and made SK&F a great place to work. Praying for him and his family 🙏*

Edward Russell - April 21, 2024 at 02:54 PM

MD

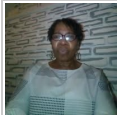
*Mr. Wendy was truly a great leader and a real people person. He made SK&F a very nice place to work. Keeping him and his family in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏*

Mirrian Datil - April 21, 2024 at 04:10 PM

JU

*He was wonderful. A real gentleman. Was always there for the company and employee.*

JudyWalmsley - April 21, 2024 at 06:46 PM



*My condolences to a great man.*

Lydia Wagner Thornton - April 22, 2024 at 04:42 PM

RK

*Henry was my roommate for several years at a private boy's boarding school and we ran for pres and vp but lost. We played soccer and swam and spent a month in Cuba in 1950 visiting fellow classmates. Always creative and fun to be with. We were walking the beach in Sands Point when we found his first (not very old ) nautical map of Long Island Sound in a deserted shack. We loved his Quivira Wines!*

Richard (Dick) Kurtz - May 02, 2024 at 02:39 PM

DB

*The word "gentleman" keeps coming up in these comments and that is the perfect word. I worked with Henry for many years as his lawyer and was always so impressed by his intelligency, his thoughtfulness and generosity. I learned most of what I know about the Lewis and Clark expedition from his map collection and his presentation in our local museum. My family will be praying for him to rest in peace and for Holly and the rest of the family.*

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**David Bjornstrom** - May 04, 2024 at 04:12 PM



*I have known Mr. Wendt for about 40 years. When I founded Arrail in 1999, Mr. Wendt had not only invested in the company but also worked as Chairman and my mentor. Arrail is currently one of the largest dental groups in China and is listed in Hong Kong Stock Exchange. When we just started, Mr. Wendt advised me to get hands on and focused. When we went into growth stage, he advised me to be hands off and focus on expansion. I feel so grateful to Mr. Wendt for his guidance, encouragement and support. My sincere condolences to his family. Mr. Wendt will always live in my mind.*

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**Robert Zou** - May 14, 2024 at 04:29 PM