

2017 Senior of the Year Terry Knight

I have been acquainted with the contributions Terry Knight has made to the citizens of Lake County over the past 17 years as a professional and a volunteer. Terry has dedicated his time and expertise to making our county a better place for all residents and in recent years older adults.

Terry moved to Lake County in 1986 to live in this beautiful rural setting. During his professional years and into retirement, Terry has been a successful writer with a focus on educating the public about outdoor and environmental issues with the aim to ensure our community preserves nature and the environment for future generations to enjoy.

Terry is inspirational! As an Octogenarian, Terry continues to write columns twice a week for Lake County Publishing and also monthly articles for 2 other national outdoor magazines. What a role model he is! He enjoys serving as a local consultant and speaking on environmental/outdoor topics. Terry also serves on the Lake County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board advising our supervisors on various outdoor issues and has served in leadership roles with the California Outdoors writers Association. Terry serves on Sutter Lakeside Citizens oversight committee. As noted by his numerous community affiliations, Terry never has let his age serve as a barrier to engaging in community service or maintaining strong personal relationships with family and friends.

In the fall of 2015, Terry lost his beloved wife to a rare form of cancer. As a family member of a Hospice patient, Terry has been dedicated to helping community members understand the wide range of services offered by Hospice. Terry assists with the community presentations and on many occasions has accompanied friends and acquaintances through their grief after the loss of a spouse or loved one. Terry is a committed Hospice Ambassador and strong advocate for seniors, encouraging individuals and families to access care that will enhance the "quality of life" at the end of life and support services for surviving family members.

It is a pleasure to submit this nomination for someone I have admired and who is always willing to spread the "Hospice message" so that other seniors may understand and have access to quality end of life care. In addition to serving as someone dedicated to serving the community, Terry is vibrant, positive and a wonderful role model for other seniors. Terry just keeps on giving. Thank you for the opportunity to make this nomination.