

REMEMBRANCE

IVAN WOLFSON

Recently deceased at 85, Ivan Wolfson was the founding father and guardian angel of Leisure World's Garden Center 2 which he laid out in 1977, two years after he and his wife Jean moved into 3172-C Via Vista.

Honored as Leisure Worlder of the Month in October 1993, Ivan devoted his life over the past 26 years in Leisure World to volunteer work on landscape and garden committees and as a consultant. He was generous with his time and knowledge. Any gardener with a problem could go to Ivan and get expert advice, handed out with friendly, twinkling eyes and a priceless sense of humor.

A distinguished horticulturist, Ivan created classes in plant science throughout the Los Angeles School District and taught there for 30 years.

"Students respected me, because I would do the things I expected them to do. I got down on my hands and knees," he explained.

P. C. M. General Manager Milt Johns said of Ivan, "Ivan is tenacious in his pursuit of the very best for this community [to which] he brings a tremendous amount of practical and academic knowledge."

A native Californian, Ivan was graduated from UC Davis in 1941, served six years as an Army paratrooper captain in



World War II and later studied at UCLA's graduate school.

Ivan was president of the Leisure World Garden Club, for many years was a member of Third Mutual's Landscape Committee and, up to the day of his death, served on Golden Rain's Garden Advisory Committee. He created the Blue Ribbon Award program conducted annually at both garden centers.

Ivan is survived by his widow Jean, a long-time volunteer at Saddleback Hospital; a brother, William, of Leisure World; a son, Eric; two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Heather, and two great granddaughters.

Funeral services were held at Hillside Cemetery in Los Angeles.

To honor Ivan, the Garden Advisory Committee will install a memorial plaque at the Garden Center 2 coordinator's office.