



Svend Baekgaard passed away in his home surrounded by his family on the 22nd of May, 2015. He wanted to live the last of his days enjoying his family, with the view of the vineyard, and the calming view of the beautiful big trees that he planted, into a park-like setting, waving in the breeze.

Svend was born June 11, 1929 in Gammelstrup, Jylland, Denmark, between Skive and Viborg -just under the Limfjord. After studying, he came to America for two years on an agriculture work exchange program. He returned to Denmark and bought a farm close to Silkeborg. After a few years, he sold it and immigrated to America, and settled in the Bay Area. He started out as a hod carrier, but worked on his weekends as a gardener. He was active in the Young Scandinavians Club, where he met his wife of 48 years, Birthe. They had a daughter, Margrethe, and lived in San Francisco. In 1975, they moved to Santa Rosa and started a landscaping and tree farm business. After Svend retired, he and Birthe enjoyed coming to the DSC and Sønderjylland/Dania events.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.