FAMILY FIRST
Don Hendrickson was born in Glendale and grew up with two brothers in San Bernardino, where his parents owned and operated a retail paint store. In 1948 he and his twin brother, Ron, were accepted at UC Berkeley and majored in architecture. After they graduated, Don was hired by Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica to design airplane interiors. It was through the aerospace industry that he was introduced to his wife, Jaimee from Inglewood, on a blind date in the early 1950s.

“Our parents met when my father was 24 and my mother was 25,” shares their eldest son, Chris. “My mother worked at North American Aviation at the time, and a co-worker introduced them. They married a year later, moved to Redondo Beach and started our family.”

As the family grew (their daughter Susie was born in 1956, followed by their three sons, Chris, Craig, and Martin), so did Don’s and Jaimee’s commitment to their children and reverence for the community. According to Chris, family was always their first priority.

“Though both of our parents were dedicated professionals, they were always there for us. Susie had juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and they did everything they could for her. Our father built a swimming pool especially for her water therapy exercise, and he designed a special ramp that was installed around the side of the house for her wheelchair.”

Don’s deep appreciation for nature was also at the heart of his life. There were many Hendrickson family camping trips to Yosemite and other outdoor adventures over the years, though it was the ocean that he especially enjoyed.

“Our father loved the ocean,” notes Chris. “He often went to Avenue I in Redondo Beach for a swim at the end of the day, and one of his greatest passions was sailing. He and his good friend Bob Williams (a fellow architect in his office) competed every year in the Newport to Ensenada International Yacht Race. Bob had the boat docked in the L.A. Harbor in San Pedro. They never won, but they always had a full ice chest and a great time.”

Beyond his cherished private life, Don kept his finger on the pulse of the local happenings. He was an avid reader and never missed the Daily Breeze and Los Angeles Times newspapers. He and Jaimee were very active in Rolling Hills Covenant Church, and they enjoyed dining out. (The Red Onion and the Palos Verdes Golf Club for a martini topped the list of Don’s local favorites.)

“Our father was a generous neighbor who gave freely of his time,” says Chris. “Though he was generally a homebody, he liked to travel with our mother to Western Europe and spend time in Palm Desert. They also loved going to San Francisco and Santa Barbara to enjoy time with my brothers and their families. As for his architectural career, he lived and breathed the community and his life’s work here.”

REVERED ARCHITECT
In addition to being the proud patriarch of his beloved family, Don Hendrickson became a highly respected pillar of architectural integrity in Palos Verdes. After commuting for several years from the Peninsula to his job with Douglas Aircraft Company, Don set his sights on working close to home and pursuing his passion for residential architecture.

In 1957 he answered a newspaper employment ad for an architect opening at Quigley and Clark above the former Moore’s Market in Malaga Cove Plaza. He was hired, and three years later he became a partner. The architectural firm was named Clark, Hendrickson and Knox in 1960 and renamed Hendrickson and Knox in 1965. After his partner, Bob Knox, perished in an airline crash in 1977, Don operated the business as Donald E. Hendrickson, AIA.

During the latter years at Hendrickson and Knox, George Martin—a young freelance draftsman and student—went to work for Don. Unbeknownst to Martin at the time, he was not only embarking upon an exceptional 18-year professional experience but also a lifelong personal friendship.

“Don was a role model and father figure to me, and I thought the world of him,” says Martin. “He was a man of very high integrity, which showed in his work and family life. Though he was an extremely talented classical designer, I appreciated his humanistic side more than anything. He always treated everyone with kindness and respect, and it was important to him that his staff enjoyed working with him. We regularly had morning coffee breaks with him, Friday lunches, dinners and office Christmas parties every year. He never had the heart to let anyone go even when he...”

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Donald E. Hendrickson was preceded in death by his older brother, Harvey; his twin brother, Ron; his wife, Williams aboard the “Bay Bee” on his summer and took less than five months to construct. The tower is a meld of old, Irish stonelaying methods and Scottish, bond bricklaying methods. Many people may not know that the tower ingeniously built with two “facs” - the interior Palos Verdes stone face and the interior brick, tied together with horizontal through-stones. The tower embodies generations of stonemason techniques and the design is closely modeled after stone towers Howard likely saw on his travels through France after the First World War. The tower is two stories with a basement. Upon entering the tower, one immediately sees the massive, exposed, wood beam ceiling, the nearly solid walls with rounded edges and indoor decorative fittings. It is as if one went back in time to a small, European city. Howard was a Craftsman, humble man according to his colleagues. He graduated from Syracuse University with an architecture degree in 1902, worked for several prestigious design firms and studied architecture and city planning at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris, France, while also assisting with the city plans for Chicago, San Francisco and Cleveland. Howard organized the city planning department for the city of Syracuse. There he began his working relationship with the Olmstead Brothers. His first project for the Olmsteads included designing the Rainbow Pool and its landscape architecture at the Lincolns Memorial and managing the architectural department for the San Francisco World’s Fair Exposition in 1915. Not coincidentally, the California exhibition building was in the “old Spanish Mission style,” Howard sought city planning at the American E.F. Art Training Centre in Paris, France. Seeing the destruction in northern France, specifically Chaing-Chantel, rebuilt cobbled streets, coves, sidewalks and stairs with the separation of industry, commercial, residential, parks and playgrounds into districts. When Howard came to Palos Verdes and built the stone tower, he brought a truly unique and rare vision of an ancient, together with the (hopefully soon to be identified) stonemason, they created a feeling of the past and the sustainable future.

Kate Eggert is an author and historic preservation consultant, currently researching and writing a National Register nomination for the Mirlo Gate Tower. She co-owns her historic preservation consulting firm, CEHPC, with her wife, Katy Conroy.
HOMES ASSOCIATION NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Jerome Adler: As a recent graduate of Palos Verdes High School, Jerome will be attending the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami in the fall. This multi-talented and accomplished student’s goal is to pursue a career as a jazz vocalist and music arranger. Jerome’s training and experience is impressive, with countless performances in marching and jazz bands, vocal ensembles and solo appearances.

Christian Gabain: Having graduated from Palos Verdes High School in June of 2018, Christian will attend the University of Miami, majoring in civil engineering with a concentration in structures. While his passion is for engineering, Christian also has a strong interest in the rehabilitation of historic bridges. Christian has done an internship at BCA, a structural engineering firm in Orange and one day plans on becoming a structural engineer in California.

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PVHA ANNUAL MEETING
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