

Irving Sherman, P.E., M.ASCE

1919 – 2022



Irving Sherman passed away on July 22, 2022, in Newport Beach, CA at the age of 103. He was born in Portland Oregon in 1919 to Max Sherman and Gussie Atkins. He moved with his family to Los Angeles, CA in 1923 and graduated from Hollywood High School in 1936. He subsequently attended UCLA, transferred to UC Berkeley (Class of 1941) and later received a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from UCLA in 1964.

Irv served in the Army Air Force as a photogrammetrist during World War Two, and then, after several soil science positions with federal agencies, he spent 26 years with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Irv retired as head of the LACFCD Water Conservation Division in 1980 and then spent another 25 years as a Consulting Engineer.

Irv was a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of California and a Registered Geotechnical Engineer for many years. He served as a Board Member and President of the American Society of Civil Engineers Los Angeles Section. He also served as Chairman of the Section's History and Heritage Committee and, as a member of the ASCE National History and Heritage Committee he helped to designate a number of National Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks. He earned many awards and recognitions during his career, and most recently, the ASCE Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2022. Irv was further honored posthumously with the Outstanding ASCE Life Member Award at the LA Section's annual "Celebration Event" which was held at the Huntington Library in San Marino, CA on October 1, 2022.

Irv was married to Jacqueline Joan Gordon Sherman from 1942 until she passed away in 2003. He is survived by Lu Jenkins and her family, a son Max (Diane), grandson Paul (Karen), granddaughter Jennefer (Eston), five great-grandchildren (the fifth just arrived on November 21, 2022), and an extended family of cousins, nephews and nieces and their children. He is preceded in death by his parents (Max and Gussie), sister (Anna Vineberg), wife (Jackie Sherman), and youngest son (Jonathan Irving).

Irv loved to travel the world, first with Jackie and then with Lu. At age 100 he toured Mount Rushmore and took a New England cruise to see the fall color. He loved to be with family and friends, and was a contributor to a number of charities, environmental, historical foundations and political causes. He also enjoyed seeing his grandchildren regularly upon their recent moves to Southern California.

A "Celebration of Life" was held for Irv on November 6, 2022, in Newport Beach, CA.

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