



We are deeply saddened by the death of past NGJA president and 3-time Olympic Judge, Harry Bjerke. He was 80 years old.

Harry Bjerke has contributed more than 45 years of service to the sport of gymnastics. Harry has been a highly respected men's brevet judge for 35 years, and has judged three Olympic Games, 1996, 2000, and 2004. He has also judged eleven World Championships and countless international competitions. Harry has served as the Men's Technical Director or judge at every USA Championships, Olympic and World Championships Trials between 1977 and 2012. He was also a judge or technical director at 16 NCAA championships.

Harry was truly committed to the USA Men's Program. He has served as men's technical director or judge at numerous collegiate events and was an instructor at the USA Continental Judges' Course in 1989, 1993, 1997 and 2001. As President of the National Gymnastics Judges Association from 1987-1996 and continuously on the NGJA Board of Directors for over 25 years, Harry has given of his time and talent to the sport. He even coached for SUNY at Farmingdale from 1972-1982.

Harry was a member of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors from 1987-1996. His dedication to the sport earned him an induction into the NGJA Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Spirit of the Flame award in 2001. Harry was inducted into the USAG Hall of Fame in 2005. He was also honored with the FIG Honorary Judges Diploma, the highest honor that an international official can earn.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Harry's wife, Maureen.