

HAROLD KAHN ⁵²

KAHN--Harold L. Professor Emeritus of History at Stanford University died at home of natural causes on December 11, 2018. A specialist in Late Imperial China, Kahn taught at Stanford for over 40 years. Previously he was a Lecturer in history at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. His book, *Monarchy in the Emperor's Eyes* (Harvard University Press, 1971), won the Commonwealth Club First Book Prize. A recipient of the Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching at Stanford, Kahn was famous among students for his humorous and illuminating lectures. As a graduate advisor, he mentored a generation of Chinese historians and at his retirement the History Department created the Kahn- Van Slyke Award for Graduate Mentorship and the Harold Kahn Reading Room. Born in 1930 in Poughkeepsie, New York, Kahn earned a B.A. from Williams

College, M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. He spent a Fulbright year in Stockholm, drove a taxi in New York City, perfected the art of gourmet backpacking, and in the 1970's joined an auto- mechanic collective and the communal publishing outlet, *The People's Press*. Kahn is survived by his daughters, Annika and Stanya Kahn, grandsons, Kourosh Kahn-Adle and Lenny Dodge-Kahn, sister, Muriel Lampell and family, and his dearest life partner, Maureen McClain.

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