

Obituaries

Emmet T. Hooper

No services are planned for Emmet Hooper, a renowned UC Santa Cruz mammalogist who died Sunday after an illness of several years. He was 80.

Hooper, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., attended San Diego State University and UC Berkeley, where he received his doctoral degree.

An expert in the study of mammals, Hooper was a professor of zoology at the University of Michigan for 40 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force between 1943 and 1946, reaching the rank of captain.

He served several terms as president of the American Society of Mammalogists, and was program director of the National Science Foundation. Hooper was also active in launching the Organization for Tropical Studies, a consortium of universities dedicated to increasing knowledge of tropical environments.

In 1979 he joined UC Santa Cruz as a research associate of the Institute for Marine Sciences, where he was active in the development of the San Nicholas Island Cooperative Research Program with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was a member of the City of Santa Cruz Museum Commission, Friends of the Sea Otter and the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Forest of Nisene Marks State Park.

He was also an active supporter and adviser to The Nature Conservancy, and in 1985 he was elected to the California Academy of Sciences.

His first wife, Helen Bacon of Berkeley, died in 1976. He is survived by his wife, Lee Theriot of Aptos; two sons, Alan Hooper of Minneapolis and N.K. Hooper of Berkeley; and two grandsons.

Arrangements are being handled by Norman's Family Chapel in Soquel.

Donations are preferred to Friends of the Sea Otter, the Santa Cruz Museum, the Nature Conservancy or Nisene Marks Forest.



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