

# *Dedication*

## *The GDCNC 2022 Specialty Shows are Dedicated to the Memory of Lou Gundell*

*Lou joined the Great Dane Club of Northern California in October 2011 and was voted an Honorary Member in 2020. Since Lou lived in Nevada, he was unable to attend Club meetings on a regular basis; however, he didn't miss a single GDCNC Specialty. Even though he didn't exhibit, he was always one of the first members to arrive to help set up and one of the last to leave after everything was broken down and put away.*

*Great Danes became his passion in 1998 when he purchased a Blue from Pat Gurtner. He started a show career with "Sioux" but preferred to be a spectator. When Pat bred Sioux, Lou kept a companion pup, "Cheyanne." When Lou lost the girls at 10 and 11 years, he decided he couldn't be without a Dane. He acquired "Ice" and "Daley" who were part of his family for 11 years. In 2017, Lou brought home the next love of his life, "Pi"—a gorgeous piebald girl with grey patches around both eyes and on both ears. (Pi now lives with Lorrie Spencer and her girls.)*

*With an unfaltering love of his Country, Lou was a proud Vietnam Veteran. When he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2018, veteran organizations and hospitals provided Lou with the care and hope he needed. He was given 6-months to one-year to live but, with stubbornness, determination, and perseverance, he battled the cancer and survived until October 2021, more than 2 years longer than doctors imagined.*

*Lou was a friend to all who knew him—neighbors, GDCNC members and the many veterans he met, especially while receiving treatment at the VA hospitals. With no immediate family left, we were his family. He will be missed.*

# *Remembering Our Friend*



***Lou Gundell***

***March 1949 to October 2021***