

About Lee Henderson

Patricia “Lee” Henderson served as the General Manager for California Grower Foundation from 1973 - 2006. She was a rare gem and well known throughout the local agricultural community as a champion for local employers and their hard-working employees.

Lee's career in the wine industry began in 1970 at Robert Mondavi Winery, where her close contact with local growers led to a public relations position with the California Grower Foundation (CGF) in 1973. She assumed the role as General Manager in 1976 and wore many hats while representing the Foundation's member services and benefit programs. Lee also administered CGF's Pension Plan and developed a comprehensive employer-funded health program that was progressive for its time and evolved through the decades. After 33 years of dedicated service, Lee retired in 2006.

Now doing business as Ag Health Benefits Alliance, the organization continues to provide group health benefits for farming, wine grape growers, and wineries. Largely in part due to Lee's strong leadership, these benefit programs have made a significant impact on the lives of countless numbers of employees.

Sadly, Lee passed on May 29, 2022 after a long illness. To honor her legacy, the Agricultural Health Benefits Alliance Educational Foundation, LLC established the **Lee Henderson Memorial Scholarship Fund** to help qualifying member employees (including their spouses, children, and grandchildren) to build job skills or learn a new trade. We encourage any qualified employee or family member who is interested in furthering their career to apply. Nothing would have pleased her more.

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