

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Jeffery A. Hazard**  
**1955–2019**

Jeffery A. Hazard, architect, preservationist, and former member of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees, died 30 August 2019.

Hazard was born 24 August 1955 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After graduating from Washington Senior High School, he attended the University of Kansas and University College-London, graduating with a bachelor's degree in environmental design. He received master's degrees in architecture and business administration from the University of Illinois before moving to San Francisco, California, to work with the firm of Kaplan, McLaughlin, Diaz.

In 1988, Hazard returned to Sioux Falls, joining his father's firm, Koch Hazard Architects. His work there has been recognized both locally and nationally. The Prairie Commons project in Howard, South Dakota, for example, received an Environmental Protection Agency National Award for Smart Growth Achievement in 2011. Around fifty additional projects to which Hazard contributed his expertise have been recognized through the AIA South Dakota Design Awards program.

Hazard used his skills to support the preservation of historic structures throughout Sioux Falls and around the state. This work began nearly thirty years ago when he recruited friends to help purchase and renovate the Southwestern Block buildings at the intersection of Twelfth Street and Phillips Avenue. Since then, Hazard, who eventually became chief executive officer and principal at Koch Hazard, oversaw most of the company's forty preservation projects, including the renovation and expansion of the Orpheum Theater and construction of the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Sciences. Most recently, Hazard and his wife Sheila supervised renovation of the Jones 421 building on North Phillips Avenue. In addition to his preservation work, he designed several new buildings that contributed to the revitalization of downtown Sioux Falls.

A leader in his community and his profession, Hazard served on more than thirty public or nonprofit boards throughout his career. He was first elected to the architect position on the State Historical Society's Board of Trustees in 2011 and served until 2018.

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