

Richard D. Wolfe, M.D., 74



Richard D. Wolfe, M.D. of Fairfield, Calif., passed away Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007 after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma.

His memorial services were held Tuesday, Aug. 7 at

Bryan-Braker Funeral Home in Fairfield, Calif. and that afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Bryan-Braker Funeral Home, 1850 W. Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533.

Dick was born in Donnellson, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1933. He received his undergraduate degree with Phi Beta Kappa honors from the University of Iowa and also from the College of Medicine in Iowa City with the highest medical honor of Alpha Omega Alpha in 1958. He interned at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and did his radiology residency at New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center.

Dick retired as a Lt. Col. in the Air Force and was buried with full military honors at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon. His military career included tours as a flight surgeon and a hospital commander in Sidi Slimane, Morocco and Tachikawa, Japan, where he was chief of radiology; and at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

He practiced radiology for 28 years in San Francisco, 16 of which were at Mount Zion Hospital and UCSF Medical Center and 12 in private practice. He specialized in arthrograms, seeing many Bay Area

sports professionals and wrote and published a book in knee arthrography.

He spent 13 years coaching his four sons in Little League baseball and served as president of the league. He also served as president of Pop Warner football and did annual physicals for the players and was the team physician. He served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for San Rafael for 13 years. He was also a lifelong Giants fan, taking his sons to spring training in Arizona each year.

Dick was a member of SIRS, American College of Radiology, charter member of the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists, California and San Francisco Radiological Society and the Radiological Society of North America. He was on the teaching staff at UCSF Medical School.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Ann (Phillips) Wolfe of 49 years who grew up in Montezuma. They were married in 1958 at the Methodist Church, Montezuma. Surviving also are four sons, Phillip A. Wolfe, M.D. (Lori) of Pleasanton; Brent R. Wolfe of Vacaville, Randall C. Wolfe (Elisa) of Naperville, Ill. and Kevin Wolfe of Greenbrae and five grandchildren, Nicholas, Trevor, Jessica, Morgan and Jason. He is survived by four siblings, Lois Schau of Donnellson, Iowa; Marlene Brown of Manley, Iowa; Douglas Wolfe, Ph.D. of Columbus, Ohio and Ron Wolfe of Charlotte N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Russell and Mae Elizabeth Wolfe.

Remembrances in Dr. Wolfe's name may be made to the Parkinson's Institute, 1170 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94089 or Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Ave., Fifth Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851.

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