



Dr. John Edmond Rhoads

September 26, 1918- October 22, 2015

Just a few short weeks after his 97th birthday, our wonderful patriarch passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family. He was a kind and loving man who will be missed greatly. He was gracious, capable, generous and strong; always a perfect gentleman.

John was born to Dr. and Mrs. Earl E. Rhoads in Lemoore, CA into a pioneer family of early California settlers. Leaving behind a strong family legacy in the Central Valley, his family moved to San Jose where he graduated from Los Gatos High School. While attending San Jose State John met and married Marjorie (Peggy) Cook in 1942. He continued his education at the College of Physicians and Surgeons where he graduated as valedictorian with a DDS Degree in 1943. In 1944, he spent time in Hawaii serving our country as a dentist. After returning from the war, he began his private practice in Willow Glen. He eventually moved his practice to San Francisco to be able to congruently teach dental materials at his alma mater, now the University of the Pacific Dental School. Specializing in Prosthodontics, he was a well-respected leader in his field and active in many dental societies. In 1969, John and Peggy moved their family and practice to the Monterey Peninsula where John planned to enjoy less work and more golf. However, his patients had other plans and followed his practice to Monterey where it thrived until his official retirement in the early 1980's.

John and Peggy were loving parents to four children; Peggy (Darrell) Warnock of Hanford, CA, Patricia Rhoads of Elk Grove, CA, Daniel (Dorothy) of Lemoore, CA and Susan (James) Gunter of Pacific Grove, CA. Their legacy continues with 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Peggy passed away in 1988. John married Evelyn Gould in 1989 and gained 2 stepdaughters, Diane and Cheryl and 2 step grandchildren. After Evelyn's passing in 2001, John's dedication to his family became more cherished.

During the last several years of his life, John enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family. His family treasured those moments, and have many wonderful memories of this exceptional gentleman.

At his request a private service will be held at a later date; so raise one to him!

John's family wishes to thank the Pulu family and Hospice of the Central Coast for their outstanding and loving care.