



HENRY "HANK" FRANK, M.D. 1924 - 2011

Henry "Hank" Frank, M.D. (1924-2011) was an exemplary physician of the "old school" - a true friend and colleague. He didn't have "patients," he had "friends." He was comfortable at home with his family, in his office, making rounds in the hospital, or working in the operating and delivery rooms; but never more comfortable than on his favorite horse "Thumper," rounding up cattle on the Gift Ranch in Kneeland or in

Redwood Valley.

He interrupted his education at Humboldt State College to serve his country as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps. At the end of the war he returned to Arcata, resumed his education and married his college sweetheart, Rosanne Hill. His first year of Medical School, on the Berkeley campus of U.C. was followed by a move to San Francisco for a Masters degree. He received his M.D. in 1956 from UCSF. His published paper was "Roentgen Cephalometric Studies on Skull Development in Rats." He maintained a life long interest in radiology. (During the "lean" student years, Rosanne decorated their Christmas tree with a string of popcorn they kept for over 20 years!) He interned at Southern Pacific Hospital followed by residency in Santa Rosa. They returned home and set up practice in Arcata. He worked at Trinity Hospital and later was instrumental in opening Mad River Community Hospital. By then the family included Lon, Kara and Lisa.

Hank was part of that rare breed of doctors who made house calls. His word was better than a contract and his sense of humor, sometimes dry, was never mean spirited. Rosanne and he were married 64 years. His life long friends, Lee Larson and Kenny Geigler, could be counted on for hunting and fishing trips to Colorado, the Trinity Alps or Orleans. He enjoyed reading westerns and science fiction and had an extensive library. However, he preferred the outdoors and never worked a computer! The family maintained a summer cabin in Big Lagoon where Hank walked the beach looking for agates. He was a supporter of Humboldt State Football and held season tickets for several years.

Hank was a personal friend and an excellent assistant in surgery. He was truly a gentleman who will be missed, not only by his family but the many "friends" he served so well as their physician.

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