

Paul A. Grigorieff, MD

Paul A. Grigorieff, MD, died at home on Nov. 7, 1995, at the age of 76 after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born July 12, 1919, in the town of Blogoveshensk, Siberia, along the Amur River. Dr. Grigorieff and his parents fled Russia in 1920 during the Russian Revolution. Dr. Grigorieff's father, a member of the White Russian Army, had been captured by the Communist army and was able to escape to Harbin, China. During the next day, Dr. Grigorieff and his mother also fled to China and were reunited with Dr. Grigorieff's father. The family lived together in Harbin, but life was very difficult.

In 1927, Dr. Grigorieff's father immigrated to the United States where he found employment in a saw mill in Scotia. After saving enough money, Dr. Grigorieff's father was able to provide passage to America for the entire family, including Dr. Grigorieff's sister, Jane Richards, who had been born in China.

During the Depression, the family moved to San Francisco where Dr. Grigorieff attended Galileo High School, pre-med at UC Berkeley and UC Medical School at San Francisco. He received special recognition and was awarded the Alpha Omega Alpha Medal and the Golden Headed Cane Award. He interned at San Francisco General Hospital. He started specialty orthopedic training at Shriner's Orthopedic Hospital in San Francisco. He served two years in the U.S. Army orthopedic hospitals in Wiesbaden and Stuttgart, Germany. After returning to the United States, Dr. Grigorieff was chief orthopedic resident at UC Orthopedic Service in San Francisco for two years. Dr. Grigorieff started private orthopedic practice in Eureka in 1950.

Dr. Grigorieff married Galina Guz in February of 1943, in San Francisco.

They had a happy union, bearing four wonderful children and six grandchildren: Paul Jr. of Novato who has two daughters, Galina and Larisa; his daughter and her husband, Kathleen and Dr. Patrick Joyce of Houghton, Mich., who have two children, the Rev. Fr. Gregory and Anne; Michael Grigorieff of Eureka; and Nicholas Grigorieff and his wife, Elaine, of Concord, Mass., and their children Nicholas and Adrienne. He is also survived by his sister, Jane Richards, who lives in Poway. His dog, Lily, was by his side.

Dr. Grigorieff was a member of numerous medical societies relating to orthopedics. He was a Diplomat of the American Orthopedic Society and president of the Humboldt Medical Society. He also established and was president of the business office of the Humboldt Medical Association and Western Orthopedic Association. Dr. Grigorieff served as chief of staff for both St. Joseph Hospital and General Hospital.

He was a member of the Ingot Club and charter member of Baywood Golf Club. Dr. Grigorieff loved the outdoors and nature. He was a member of the Humboldt Mycology Society.

Dr. Grigorieff wished to thank the Geology Department of Humboldt State University for helping him pursue the study of geology. Their companionship and encouragement brought him great joy. Dr. Grigorieff also wanted to thank all of the patients he tried to help during his medical career.

At Dr. Grigorieff's request, there will be no memorial services. He wanted to remind all, "Do not forget to enjoy life, it's here only a day at a time."

Arrangements are under the direction of Chapel of the Ferns-Sanders Funeral Home, Eureka.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Geology Department of Humboldt State University; or Hospice of Humboldt. TS 11/9/95