



GEORGE KASPER, M.D.

1929 - 2006

Services were held on April 26, 2006, for one of our own; a man who served the people of Del Norte County, with care, for nearly a half century: George Kasper, M.D. Dr. Kasper was born on August 1, 1929, and grew up in a coal miner's family in Oak Creek, Colorado. His father was from Germany and his mother from Croatia. George's father made sure that George worked in the coal mines in his youth to insure that he would make the choice of college not coal mines. When George was 17 he joined the marines, where he played saxophone in a dance band. He was stationed on the island of Guam, where he was a bugler and a night time armed guard.

George attended medical school at the University of Colorado, graduating in 1956. He interned in Sacramento from 1956 to 1958. After his internship moved to Crescent City and associated with Dr. Arved Alksnis, a displaced surgeon from Latvia.

George worked at the side of Dr. Alksnis where he learned the skills of a surgeon. George performed minor surgeries. Dr. Kasper is still renowned for his perfect incisions and very minimal scars. If you are in the Sutter Coast emergency room getting your incisions sewn the staff will talk about the tiny stitches that Dr. Kasper did. Dr. Kasper became known as the baby doctor and delivered 2000 babies and when he was out and about, young adults would come up and say, "You delivered me." Dr. Kasper retired in April, 2005.

The area knew Dr. Kasper as a giving, generous, and kind man who was extremely dedicated to his patients.

George served as an auctioneer for many years for the Easter Seal Silver Ball, now known as the Community Assistance League. He also raised funds for the American Cancer Society while riding his bicycle four or five times to Salt Lake City, Utah, twice to Washington State and one time to Wisconsin.

If you go to Crescent City you may find various framed photographs signed by George Kasper. He is well known for his beautiful colorful pictures of flowers and of the redwoods. Most of his photos he developed in his own "kitchen darkroom" and personally did the matting and framing. Dr. Kasper is survived by his wife, Arlene Kasper of Crescent City; sons: George and Paul; daughters: Rhona, Antonia, Debora, Lorrie and Sandy and 4 grandchildren.