



ASA EDWARD STOCKTON, MD passed away on September 12th, 2017 at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California, only two weeks after being diagnosed with leukemia.

He was born on April 13, 1950 in Eureka, CA to Edward and Edyth Stockton. Asa grew up in Eureka, CA, and always considered it his home. He graduated from Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA and then received his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. After completing his residency in orthopedic surgery, he returned home to Humboldt County where he practiced as an orthopedic surgeon with Humboldt Orthopaedics for more than 20 years, touching thousands of lives with his care. He retired from surgery in 2013, but continued to treat patients and teach new providers at Open Door Clinic until his death.

Asa was larger than life, and went all in on every hobby he pursued. He played poker until he made it to the national championship level. He raised his own dogs to hunt with. He built a sheep wagon from scratch for camping, and then restored a 1930's truck to tow it. He designed his own plans for his retirement home. When he decided to travel in retirement, he learned Spanish, and began working his way through all the countries in Central America.

Asa believed his role as a father was to create memories for his children. He taught us to fly kites, pour concrete and bet on the ponies. He waxed the slides at the park so we could go faster, and got us kicked out of the zoo for sneaking peacock feathers from the elk cage. He taught us to fish, but made us clean our own catch. He taught his daughters to cook, so we could "catch a man", and then insisted we get an education, so we wouldn't need one. He taught us how to snake toilets and how to drive. He taught us to believe in ourselves.

Asa is survived by his six children, Candy Stockton-Joreteg, MD and her husband Lars Joreteg; Cookie Tank and her husband Jonathan Tank; Taffy Stockton, MBA, and her husband Aidan Semingson; Pepper Stockton, PhD; Melissa Stockton, RN; and Edward Stockton; and his nine grandchildren: Amber and Eric Joreteg; Joanna, Natasha, Nicholas, Jalissa, and J.J. Tank; Myles and Zoe Semingson. He is also survived by four sisters, Karen Stockton, Peggy Jensen, Susan Stockton, and Sally Miller; and two former wives Ginger Carter and Michele Tourn,, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations can be made to the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation with the notation "Asa Stockton Memorial Fund" online at [www.sequoiaparkzoo.net/donate/](http://www.sequoiaparkzoo.net/donate/) or mailed to Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation PO Box 123, Cutten, CA 95534.