



Scott Gavin M.D. 1941 - 2010

Scott Gavin was a loving partner, devoted father, doting grandfather, dedicated doctor and a friend to all.

Philip Scott Gavin was born May 29, 1941 in West Des Moines, IA to Philip and Charlotte Gavin. Scott grew up in San Diego and attended St. Augustine High School followed by the University of San Diego. He was the first USD graduate to be accepted into medical school, attending Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI where he received a Doctorate of Medicine. Scott worked as a General Medicine intern at Long Beach Memorial Hospital in California. In 1967 he participated in the birth of his son, Patrick Gavin, which influenced him to focus on obstetrics and gynecology during his residency at Kaiser Hospital in Hollywood, CA. He was drafted into the U.S. Air Force, commissioned as a Major, and served as an OB/GYN stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska. With the assistance of Senator Mike Gravel, he petitioned for and received an honorable discharge as a Conscientious Objector because of his unquestionable distain for war. He returned to Los Angeles, CA and joined a thriving practice. In 1973 Scott had the privilege of delivering his daughter, Rebecca Gavin and in 1975 he delivered his second daughter, Erin Gavin Bolton. In 1980 Scott took a year off to explore and find a beautiful, safe place for his children and to practice medicine. A year later he settled in McKinleyville, CA and joined the Humboldt Open Door Community Health Center for their devotion and commitment to everyone. Dr. Gavin was instrumental in expanding the clinic's medical services and starting the home birth program. In 1986 he built his dream home on a pristine piece of land in McKinleyville that includes the beautiful Mill Creek Falls. In 1991 Scott opened a private practice in Sunnybrae, CA where he selflessly provided 24/7 care for his patients. His children were honored to assist him in his private practice and experienced the extraordinary doctor he was and the unconditional love he shared with everyone. Over the course of his medical career, Dr. Gavin saved many lives and delivered approximately 8,000 new ones into the world. He retired from private practice in 2001 and soon suffered health complications that impacted the quality of his retirement years. Despite Scott's health issues, he and his partner Julie enjoyed 11 happy years together sharing all of the good things that life has to offer; collecting agates, gardening, and spending time with grandchildren. Scott was always devoted to his children, providing unconditional love, continuous support and special experiences.

He adored his three grandchildren and loved spending time with them, watching them grow. Scott was generous, compassionate and wise. He put life first whether it was giving food to people in need or rescuing injured animals. He respected all living things and felt an immense love for nature. Scott had a life long love of horse racing which he shared with his family. After surviving 7 years with Mantle Cell Lymphoma, Scott died peacefully at home surrounded by his family at age 69. Scott is survived by his devoted partner, Julie Devrouax; his 3 children, Patrick (Sara) Gavin, Rebecca Gavin & Erin (Aum) Bolton; 3 grandchildren Hannah & Lane Bolton,

Jack Gavin & a sibling on the way; and sisters Tracy Federman & Gay Gavin. In addition, his cherished friends Allan & Peggy Hubacker, Norman & Carolyn Bell, Bill Carlson, Herrmann & Cheyenne Spetzler, Terry Chapman, Angel Fargas & Ku-Hsiang Lin, and high school friends “The LADS” Ozzie Gontang, John Abels, Jim Serra and Bill Beck. A celebration of Scott’s Life was held on November 7, 2010.