



In Memorium

John J. Carolan, M.D.

1925 - 2015

John J. Carolan, M.D. passed away on December 18, 2015 at the age of 90 years. John was born in Highland Park, Illinois on April 13, 1925 to Martha and John J. Carolan, II. After graduation from high school, John volunteered in the US Army in 1943 and entered into the ASTP program (Army Specialized Training Program), which was designed to train pre-med, pre-dental and pre-engineering students. This group was spread among colleges and universities throughout the US. In the spring of 1944, the program was abruptly discontinued and the ASTP people were transferred to infantry divisions. John was transferred from Purdue University to the 102nd Infantry Division that saw combat in France, and Germany. John was severely wounded in the Roer River campaign in Northern Germany on November 30, 1944. He received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for valor. In the spring of 1946 he entered the pre-med program at Loyola University in Chicago and graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in June of 1952. After graduation, he married Beatrice A. Berteau, M.D., a medical student classmate at Loyola University. They completed their post graduate education with internships in Detroit and three year residencies in Internal Medicine at the Wisconsin School of Medicine in Milwaukee. In 1958, Dr. Carolan and his wife moved to the bay area to pursue the practice of Internal Medicine.

For 11 years, Dr. Carolan was on the clinical faculty at The School of Medicine at UCSF. Subsequently, he took a residency in Diagnostic Radiology at UCSF from 1969 to 1972, and then moved to Nashville where he was on the faculty at the Vanderbilt University Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee. He was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Diagnostic Radiology. John was a member of many professional organizations including a Fellowship in the Royal Society of Medicine. After several summers in the south, they had a strong desire to return to California. He retired from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine as a Professor of Radiology. He then joined the Humboldt Radiology Group which provided radiology services to the two hospitals in Eureka. During this time he served as Chief of Radiology at the General Hospital and as Chief of Staff for two separate terms. In 1984 Dr. Carolan and his wife purchased a home in Nevada City, where they planned to retire. They spent more and more time in Nevada City as the years passed and eventually moved there full time when he retired from practice. They spent many pleasant years in retirement. On March 12, 2008, John's wife, Beatrice A. (Berteau, M.D.) Carolan died at the age of 82. She was an excellent physician and a lively and loving spouse and friend. They had been married for 56 years. On May 21, 2012 John married Charlotte Morrill and they shared three years of happiness before she died January 24, 2015. John felt blessed that he was enabled to spend his life in a healing vocation. He was liked and respected by his patients, his professional colleagues and a

host of friends. John was an intelligent, thoughtful, generous and a wonderfully kind person. He enjoyed world travel, reading, flying, cooking, good food and serindipity. He will be missed by those who had the occasion to know him. John is survived by his sister Patricia Mickelson of Lake of the Pines, as well as several cousins and many nieces and nephews.