

**GEORGE A. JUTILA, M.D.**  
**Recipient of 2009 Plessner Memorial**  
**Award**

**Video of Dr. Jutila**

Physician and surgeon Dr. George A. Jutila, 74, of Fortuna, was presented with the California Medical Association's Plessner Award for outstanding service as a rural physician at the CMA's 138th annual House of Delegates session.

After his service as an Airman Medical Examiner in the Air Force from 1962-64, Dr. Jutila settled in Fortuna in Humboldt County, where he joined two other doctors in their practice (Drs. Olson and Goble). The Fortuna Family Medical Group would be the only practice his career would know, which he began there in July 1964.

As many rural areas experience shortages of physicians, Dr. Jutila's practice is a testament to a lifelong dedication to providing care to local residents. Over the years he has been known to go to great lengths to provide compassionate care for his patients, even taking the time to feed their pets while their owners were hospitalized.

Outside his practice, Dr. Jutila provides consultations on the management of the local airports and started a nonprofit. The Aviation Community Advisory and New Development Organization (AVI8CANDO) promotes avenues of aviation and serves as a youth educational program that allows students ages 12-19 to complete aviation courses and flight training to earn a private pilot certificate. Congratulations Dr. Jutila for being chosen as the recipient of the 2009 Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award.