



IN MEMORIAM



Gerald Paul Martin, MD, 1940-2008

IN FEBRUARY, THE ROSEVILLE and Sacramento medical community lost a superb radiologist, a leader at many levels and a true friend.

Gerald Paul Martin was born on July 11, 1940. He did his undergraduate work at UCLA from 1958-1962 and then attended Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. After graduating in 1966, he completed a surgical internship at the University of Pittsburgh's Presbyterian University Hospital.

From 1967-1969 he served in the U. S. Air Force as a general medical officer at Langley AFB Hospital. He then entered a Diagnostic Radiology residency at David Grant USAF Hospital.

After finishing his residency and becoming board certified, he spent a year as Chief of Radiology at Mather AFB Hospital. In 1973 he moved to Roseville California and in 1976 helped found Roseville X-Ray Medical Group. He continued to practice in Roseville and the surrounding area as a member of Radiological Associates of Sacramento until illness forced his retirement in early 2007.

Jerry was active in the medical community of Roseville and Placer County. He was President and Member of the Board of Directors of the Placer-Nevada County Medical Society. He served in the California Medical Associations' House of Delegates and on the CALS Hospital Survey Team.

At the local level he was President of the Placer Health Planning Council and an active member of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society. He was an important member of the Planning Committee for the new Sutter Roseville Medical Center.

This impressive chronology does not begin to describe the person that was Jerry. He entered radiology as the new technologies of ultrasound, computed tomography and, later, MRI revolutionized the field of diagnostic imaging. Jerry enthusiastically learned each of these new modalities.

He worked industriously and always did more than his share of the cases. His quick humor, insights and pithy comments lightened many days. Jerry often acted as an examiner at the mock boards put on for the Northern California radiology residents.

He returned with tales of how profoundly impressed he was with the quality of our younger colleagues and how much he looked forward to working with them.

He was a man of broad interests and could converse easily on such diverse subjects as literature, history, philosophy and enology.

In January of 2007, Jerry was diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer. Despite his grim prognosis, Jerry's humor and upbeat personality never left him. He survived his diagnosis by more than a year. During that time he never complained or felt sorry for

himself.

Only a few weeks before his death, Jerry and his wife of 43 years, Suella, took their three children along with their spouses and six grandchildren on a cruise in the Caribbean. When he returned, he spoke glowingly of the trip and how it had exceeded everyone's expectations.

Jerry's wit, humor, insights and friendship will be greatly missed by the Roseville and Sacramento medical communities and by his many friends outside of medicine.

- *Richard Gross, MD*

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