



Galen Grant

August 4, 1933 - November 23, 2016

Galen S. Grant passed away on November 23 at the age of 83. He was born in Visalia on August 4, 1933 to Claud and Vera Grant. Galen attended Visalia schools graduating from Visalia Union High School in 1950. He attended COS and then transferred to his beloved UC Berkeley in 1952. He graduated with an M.S. Degree in Optometry in 1957 and remained a rabid Cal fan for the rest of his life.

He married Claire DeJonge on July 11, 1959 and they enjoyed more than 57 years together. In 1960 he began practicing optometry and continued in the profession until October of this year, working for Family Eye Care Center in Lemoore and Hanford. Optometry was both his passion and hobby and he was revered by the staff for his vast experience and quirky sense of humor.

Galen enjoyed many interests during his life. He was a member of the Greater Tulare Kiwanis Club for more than 40 years. He sang with the Mighty Oak Barbershop Chorus and was a longtime member of the Tulare Methodist Church where he served in many capacities including the Board of Trustees, Youth Group Leader and Lay Leader.

In addition to his beloved Claire, Galen is survived by his daughters Andrea Hayes and son-in-law, Keith, Valerie Johnstone and her fiancé, David Soult; his sister Marjorie Martin, and his three brilliant grandchildren, Camille,

Andrew and Elizabeth. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, all of whom enjoyed Uncle Galen's bad jokes and puns. He was predeceased by his older sister Ruth Ellen Lancaster.

A memorial service is scheduled for Monday, December 5th at the Tulare Methodist Church at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any gifts in Galen's memory be made to the Tulare United Methodist Church, or the Tulare City Historical Society. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com