

# MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

## FLOYD H. ESTESS

(1922-2001)

Floyd Estess died in a Santa Cruz nursing home on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2001 aged 79 years. He was born in Sacramento California and received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He then attended medical school at the University of California at San Francisco and completed a residency in Psychiatry at the Langley Porter Institute.

Estess joined the Department of Psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine in 1954 and later received his doctorate in psychoanalysis from the Southern California Institute of Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles and spent the next 12-years as a respected clinician in the practice of psychoanalysis. During this time he became a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis. In 1969 Estess and his family moved to Santa Cruz. There he enjoyed living in a beautiful Victorian style house and was a gracious and accomplished host to his many colleagues and friends. He continued his psychoanalytic practice in Santa Cruz and was affiliated with the University of California at Santa Cruz, and attended patients at the Santa Cruz Dominican Hospital.

In 1972 he was brought to Stanford by the then Chair of the Department. David Hamburg, and was appointed Professor of Psychiatry and Chief of Clinical Psychiatry. During his years at Stanford he was instrumental in expanding and improving the outpatient psychiatric clinical services at both the Stanford Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital. One innovation was the development of an evening outpatient clinic facilitating the treatment of individuals who could not attend the clinic during daytime hours. The evening psychiatric clinic paralleled the development of the well known Stanford sleep disorders clinic much extending the range of psychiatric services available to the community, and for teaching and research. He was an excellent clinician and splendid teacher.

Estess retired in 1984 and continued living in Palo Alto with his wife Naomi enjoying his family which had grown at the time of his death to six children and 13 grandchildren.

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