



Dr. Neal H. Tsukifuji

March 20, 1923 - May 7, 2012

Dr. Neal H. Tsukifuji died Monday, May 7, 2012 at 89 years old. Known as "Dr. Tsuki," he was born in Whittier, California on March 20, 1923. His family returned to Fuchu, Japan when he was 13 years old. He earned his medical doctorate in Japan and served on the Atomic Bomb Causality Commission. After translating a book entitled "The Hiroshima Diary," Neal returned to the United States, completing his anesthesia residency at UTMB-Galveston in 1956. He then moved to San Antonio where he practiced anesthesiology for over 40 years. Neal was passionate about his family, faith and his profession. He had a quiet nature and loving spirit and inspired all that knew him. Neal enjoyed trips to the Texas coast and his Arabian horses. He married Billie Arline Duncan in 1966. Neal is survived by his wife Billie, their children: Nancy Harwell, Ava-Nell Matlock, Debra and husband Gary Guest, DDS, and Dana Tsukifuji; their grandchildren Nancy Garcia, Tomas Garcia, Katy Jones, DDS, John Guest, Carolene Tsukifuji, and Rainey Tsukifuji; great-grandchildren Cory and Nathaneal. Neal was preceded in death by his parents, Usakichi Tsukifuji and Hisayo Kunishima, his brother Showji Tsukifuji, and his daughter Chabelia Valle. Neal was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend and will be greatly missed.

SERVICES

The family will receive friends Friday, May 11, 2012 at Cornerstone Church,

18755 Stone Oak Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78258 from 10 AM - 11 AM and a Memorial Service will follow to celebrate Neal's life at 11 AM.