

Dr. Craig Larson, 73

Dec. 31, 1933 - Jan. 30, 2007

TWIN FALLS, ID — Dr. Craig L. Larson was born Dec. 31, 1933, in Harlan, the first son of Gerald and Eleanor Larson. His dad was an attorney and his mother a school teacher turned homemaker. His mother's dad, Grandpa Pat lived with them and was a great influence in Craig's early life. Craig soon had two brothers; Jerry and Doug. Jerry, a Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court and Dr. Douglas Larson, D.D.S. of Storm Lake. Their dad was drafted three weeks before his 35th birthday. He served his Navy duty on a ship off Japan. Craig's grade school was only a short walk from home at 1712 8th Street. Craig was always an achiever. In high school, he excelled in football and was named to the All-Midwest Conference Team. He was also the Mayor of Harlan High School in 1952. He graduated Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State College in 1958.



Craig married his hometown sweetheart, Carolyn in 1956. They have two daughters; Jani Larson-Bergdahl (Bob), of Hailey, ID, and Judi Larson-Petersen (Rick), of Atlantic. They have four grandchildren, Sky Bergdahl Albrecht (Lt. Michael Albrecht), Bowdrie Bergdahl, Benjamin Petersen and Christopher Petersen. They have two great-grandchildren, Max Albrecht and Tavis Craig Albrecht. The Larsons have owned five veterinary hospitals and worked side by side in veterinary service where they were able to shape and touch many children's lives. They were the original founders of the Solvang Veterinary Hospital in California, and owners of San Roque Veterinary Hospital in Santa Barbara. Their first veterinary practice was in Creston. They also worked together in real estate. Craig was a licensed business appraiser. He was a Life Loyal Sigma Chi and past president of Rotary, Midcoast Veterinary Association and Santa Barbara-Ventura Veterinary Associations; a lifetime member of the Southern California Veterinary Association, Gold Life Member of the American Veterinary Association and Charter Member of the California Academy of Veterinary Medicine. He was active in many Santa Ynez Valley service organizations, with special focus on children. Children were frequently given tours of his Veterinary Hospital. He died in Twin Falls, ID, Jan. 30, 2007, after a long and difficult illness at age 73.

A service for Dr. Larson was held at White Mortuary Chapel, in Twin Falls, ID, Feb. 3, 2007. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Craig's name to the Harlan Community School District Dr. Craig L. Larson Perpetual Scholarship for the Iowa State University, College of Veterinarian Medicine in Ames, Attn. Kristy Hansen, Office of Superintendent, Harlan Community School District, 2102 Durant St., Harlan, IA 51537. Condolences may be sent to Carolyn Larson, P.O. Box 5328 Twin Falls, ID, 83303-5328.