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Dr. Ludwig F. Ginkel Jr., a longtime resident of Alpine, went home to be with the Lord on February 16, 2017. Ludwig was 83 and is remembered as active family physician that served the East County Community for over 50 years. He was born in Connecticut, son of Ludwig (Sr.) and Susan Ginkel, and moved San Diego as a young child. In his youth he was involved as a Demolay, attended Hoover High school, where he met his wife of 50 years Joanne. He was the first in his family to attend college and graduated from SDSU in 1956. He attended Medical school in Des Moines, Iowa. After a yearlong Internship in Oakland, he returned home to San Diego to begin his practice. He cherished his family, playing violin, flying airplanes, riding motorcycles & loving his many pets. He was active in Faith Chapel's Orchestra and later on at Alpine Community Church where he served as a Deacon, directed the Children's Choir and also directed audiovisual services. Ludwig will be deeply missed by all of those whose lives he touched, but his legacy of love and caring for others will live on in those he as left behind. He is survived by son's Mark and David, (wives Marcy and Karen), grandchildren Tristan, Brandon, Kiersten and Cameron. His wife Joanne, Brother Richard and parents preceded him in death. Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Ludwig's life at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 4th, at Alpine Community Church, 2225 W. Victoria Drive, Alpine California 91901; (619) 445-2110. In lieu of flowers the family asks that, donations be made to Alpine Community Church or Hi-Caliber Horse Rescue.



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Terry Frost posted:

I will always fondly remember Dr. Ginkel. He gave me my first Airman's Medical Certificate over 30 years ago. And I went to him every year after that until I took a hiatus from flying for 17 years after I was married. Getting the opportunity to return to flying in 2001 I returned to Dr. Ginkel for my certificates each year until his passing. I occasionally visit his office and just sit in the parking lot thinking about him. He was always so kind and fun to talk aviation with. He was very much interested in my choice of aviation which was helicopters. Sorry I was never able to give him a ride. Sitting in the lot I wondered what would happen to all his medical records including mine. I called the real estate agent and asked if someone could contact. Eventually one of his sons called me and said they would be disposed of. I was just getting ready to take off with some clients on a flight and didn't get to chat with him about his dad. Sorry we weren't able to chat and thanks for calling me back. At one of my visits to his office after his passing, I noticed his name plate was still on the door. I almost grabbed a screwdriver to take it, but I knew that would be wrong. I hope someone in the family has it and will treasure it. As Richard mentioned he dearly missed his wife. I called him one day to setup an appointment and as we were chatting he broke down and cried. He again cried at our appointment. He truly loved her deeply. I asked him one day if he should retire who he would recommend as a doctor for my medical certificate and he said Dr. Esteb who I believe is now in his 90's and will be giving me a new certificate in December (I hope). Thank you Dr. Ginkel for being the wonderful person you are and I'm looking forward to spending eternity with you, meeting your lovely wife and swapping stories about our dogs and aircraft!

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Richard Dubriske posted:

On December 8, 2016 I was admitted to Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria for an extensive five hour surgical procedure. On December 14 2016 I was transferred to The Marian extended Care Center where I was presented with the most unexpected gift of encountering one of the most kind, sincere. and loving persons I had ever met: Dr. Ludwig Ginkel. He was my room-mate at the extended care center, and I happened to be a patient of his son, Dr. Mark Ginkel. We immediately took a liking to each other, and I can only wish that I had met him before. He described to me his entire life, how he met his wife at a dance, brought by a friend of his who could not dance, so he danced with her and they fell in love, got married, and went off to Iowa for Medical School. He was still grieving for the loss of his wife in 2009 and missed her greatly. Foremost in his consciousness was a love for his two sons and their families. He expressed a sorrow that somehow he was letting them down with his illness. I always had to reassure him that this was not the case. He desperately want to return to his residence at Merrill Gardens where he was quite happy,, to be with his dog, and resume a very contented existence. He was afraid that this would not be possible, due his illness. His mind was as sharp as a tack, as he described every leak in detail at his medical offices in San Diego. He even expressed a desire to partially resume his practice by performing FAA Medical Exams. I gladly did everything I could to help him out, when he needed something, and got to know him well, .He certainly worked his way into my heart, and will be sorely missed.He always asked if I was leaving, and when I asked him why, he would say that he would miss me. When I was discharged, he asked me if he could come visit me in Nipomo and I said certainly, and I wrote out directions for him. He also told me had an old friend in the Nipomo area that he flew with. I hope this friend is aware of his passing. I returned to Extended Care Center a few times to visit him, whenever I was able to. On my last visit he was not there, and they told me he transferred to Marian Medical Center. I immediately went over there, However when I arrived he was asleep, I told the nurse I would return. However, I was unable to return due to transport problems and other reasons. I called his room a few times, but never got an answer. On or about February 17 2016 when I called the hospital they said there was no such person at the hospital. I called all over, to try and find out where he was discharged to, but to no avail. I then looked online, and noticed the obituary. I was devastated, as to me his passing was entirely unexpected I felt that somehow I had let him down. I want to extend my deepest condolences to his family. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know. If there is a need to find a placement for his dog, I would gladly do so as I have had dogs all my life, and found his quite endearing. Sincerely, Richard Dubriske P.O. Box 1685 Nipomo, Ca. 93444 805-478-1007 elnoetic@aol.com

February 24 at 12:31 PM

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Marcy Ginkel posted:

Love you papa, Kiersten, Tristan, Brandon, CJ

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Memories only last if you share them

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