



IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Theodore Edwin “Ted” Hauser

August 7, 1922 – March 20, 2009



Dr. Theodore Edwin “Ted” Hauser passed away Friday, March 20, 2009 at age 86 at Landsun Health Service Center in Carlsbad, NM. Dr. Hauser was born in New York, in 1922, and attended Cornell University, where he met his wife, Ruth. They were married in 1944, while he was in Cornell Medical School. After graduation and an internship at Bellevue Hospital in New York, Ted served in the Army at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Colorado, then returned to New York, where he practiced medicine at New York Hospital, and with his father Dr. Edwin Hauser. He was invited to move to Carlsbad by his chief from the Army and came to live here with Ruth and two young daughters in 1952. He said he liked what he saw in Carlsbad: “good schools, a friendly community, stable economy and plenty of opportunity to improve health care.” In a long list of his medical accomplishments in Carlsbad, Ted was especially proud to have helped put in place the first ICU (Intensive

Care) and CCU (Cardiac Care) units which included training some 100 nurses. When Memorial Hospital and St. Francis Hospital were replaced in the 1970s, Ted became the first Chief of Staff and President of the Board of Trustees of the new Carlsbad Medical Center. He was on the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Blue Cross. He became a Fellow in the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, and an Associate Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Hauser was very active in the wider community affairs in Carlsbad. He served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the City Council (where he supported the "anti-smoking" legislation that was finally adopted), a founder of the Living Desert Park, a member of the State Park and Recreation Board, President of the Deliver-a-Meal program, the first Medical Director of Landsun, a member of the Downtown Lions, a 32nd Degree Mason, the Shriners, the Elks, an Elder at the Presbyterian Church, and a Director of the Carlsbad National Bank for many years. His numerous informal efforts on behalf of the community included paying to keep the Caverns open during times of budget cuts. His many awards and recognitions included being named as Citizen of the Year by the Carlsbad Jaycees and receiving the Carlsbad Foundation Crawford Humanitarian Award. Survivors include wife, Ruth Hauser of Carlsbad; three daughters: Barbara and husband, Dr. Douglas Cameron of Rochester, Minn., Carol and husband, James Pomares of El Dorado Hills, Calif., and Joan and husband, William Permenter of Spring, Texas; seven grandchildren: Jason, Stuart, David, Michael, Mariah, Lori and Traci; eight great-grandchildren: Jack, Lucy, Anders, Hayden, Erick Theodore, Morgan, Avery and Taylor; and Ruth's sister, Betty Bowman.