



## Dale E Hanst

October 18, 1931 - November 27, 2011

HANST, Dale E

Dale passed away surrounded by his family at his residence in Carpinteria, California on November 27, 2011. He was 80 years old.

Dale was born in Coalinga, California on October, 18, 1931. He grew up in nearby Taft, and left with relief to attend San Jose State University after high school. Dale studied for a year before enlisting in the Air Force in 1951. He learned Russian at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, and served a 4-year tour in England intercepting radio traffic from Russian bombers during the Korean conflict.

After his tour, Dale completed his undergraduate degree and attended Stanford Law School while his wife, Carolyn, taught at Palo Alto High School. He settled in Santa Barbara to practice law with the firm of Schramm, Raddue and Seed in 1960. During his career Dale litigated local zoning and land use issues, served as City Attorney for Solvang, served as legal counsel for Santa Barbara Bank and Trust, argued in front of the California Supreme Court, and was President of the California State Bar Association from 1983-1984. One of his favorite civic tenures was on the board of the Santa Barbara Zoo.

Dale was an accomplished golfer who thoroughly enjoyed his friends and

fellow competitors at La Cumbre Golf and Country Club. He was also a passionate fly fisherman and introduced his wife, kids and grandchildren to the art and joy of a great cast. He and his wife Carolyn fished all over the world but always returned to their favorite spots on the Bighorn and Missouri rivers in Montana.

Dale had a great zest for life and was engaged in all the things he loved right up until his death from Merkel Cell carcinoma. He is survived by his lovely wife of 55 years Carolyn, his children Curtis and Karen and their spouses Bambi and Wade. He is also survived by his younger brother Keith, sister-in-law Donna, and nephew Steve. Dale doted on his grandchildren Eric, Heidi, Tara, Blake, Luke and Annie and they will always remember how much he loved them.

Dale was a big man with a big voice, a big presence, and a huge heart for his family and friends. His generosity and lack of pretension defined him and endeared him to all. He leaves the world a better place for his walk through it and is missed greatly already.

A memorial service open to the public will be held at El Montecito Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 9th, at 3:00. The church is located at 1455 E. Valley Road, Santa Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the House Hearing Institute by contacting Nancy Hoffman at (213)353-7027 or [nhoffman@hei.org](mailto:nhoffman@hei.org).