



## JEROME HERBERT BECKER

July 1, 1935 - May 11, 2014

Jerome (Jerry) Becker, M.D., of Grass Valley, Calif., and formerly of Orinda, Calif., died on May 11, 2014, in Auburn, Calif. Dr. Becker succumbed to late stage Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at the family home in Grass Valley in June.

Jerry was born in Springfield, Mass., the son of Louis and Jean Barnard Becker, in 1935. He attended Bates College in Maine and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Springfield College in Massachusetts. He earned his medical degree from Tufts Medical School in Boston, Mass., where he distinguished himself with a grant from the National Institute of Health. He did an internal medicine residency at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland, Calif., and then completed ophthalmology training at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners, belonged to the American Academy of Ophthalmology and was a diplomat of the National Board of Ophthalmology.

He spent his 50-year medical career as a Kaiser physician where he was chief of ophthalmology in Richmond, Calif., and then, simultaneously, he was chief of ophthalmology at the Kaiser hospitals in Vallejo, Napa and Fairfield, Calif. His team did the first laser eye surgeries performed at Kaiser. After retiring

from Kaiser, he went on to train as a Lasik surgeon and performed thousands of Lasik procedures. His final career was for the state of California in the state's Roseville offices, reading medical charts for disability applicants.

Jerry is survived by his wife and childhood sweetheart, Marlene Stein Becker; children Robbyn Becker, an animal advocate, Todd Becker, an attorney in Long Beach, Calif., Rayna Becker, an attorney in Roseville, Calif., and Brett Becker, Arabian horse breeder and trainer in Grass Valley. He leaves grandchildren Hayley Morgan, Shayna Morgan, Hayden Becker, Alana Becker, Levi Becker, Ashley Becker and Garrett Becker. He also leaves his favorite aunt, Ilene Barnard Rose of Greenbrae, Calif.

Donations in Jerry's memory can be made to Music in the Mountains, 530 Searles Ave., Nevada City, CA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jerry was an amazing person who helped steer me onto a better track when I was young. I will always be grateful for his wisdom, humor and intellect. Rest in Peace dear friend.* ”

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