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Dr. Donald Michael Kay, 86, of Delray Beach, FL, a long-time Bay Area resident, passed away on February 10, 2025 from complications of lung cancer. He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Bonnie Levinson; son Stephen and wife Susan Bloch Kay; daughter Debbie Kay Reed and husband Joseph Reed; brother Robert; grandson Aaron and wife Lyndsay Nevins; great-granddaughters Poppy and Leni; grandson Jesse and wife Christy Chollak; grandson Julian; niece Liza Levinson and husband Felipe Olmeta; great-grandnephew Jack Olmeta; and niece Emily Levinson. Dr. Kay was married for 37 years to the late Judy Kay who passed away in 1995.

A beloved dermatologist for 52 years, Dr. Kay founded Peninsula Dermatology in Burlingame. He was on staff at Mills-Peninsula Hospital, served as a Clinical Professor at UCSF and was an Attending Physician at SF General. In 2009, Dr. Kay received a Special Recognition Award from the Clinical Faculty Association at UCSF.

Following undergraduate studies at UCLA, Dr. Kay received his BS and MD degrees from UCSF School of Medicine. He served as a Medical Officer in the US Air Force in England and then completed a three-year residency at UCSF.

He was a member of many local and national Dermatologic societies and a leader in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Medical Society and the Burlingame School District Board of Trustees.

Everyone admired Dr. Kay's style and joie de vivre. He was a true renaissance man who loved music, theatre, fine art, literature, gourmet food and wine. He was an accomplished classical pianist, as well as an avid skier and hiker. He traveled the world with family and friends, and enjoyed many wonderful adventures.



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A private celebration of his life will be held in the Bay Area.

Those wishing to honor Donald with a memorial contribution are kindly encouraged to consider a donation to Trustbridge Hospice at:

<https://trustbridge.com/>

or to the Dermatology Foundation at:

<https://giving.ucsf.edu/fund/dermatology>



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Susan Koch posted:

He treated all patients the same whether they could pay or not. No one came to his office and did not get the treatment they needed

July 28 at 9:30 PM



Susan Koch posted:

Dr Kay was my first employer after I finished my training at UCSF. He was kind, encouraging (when I was unsure of myself) and an excellent clinician. I appreciate his skills and mentorship as I was navigating clinical dermatology. I am forever grateful to him for launching me. I left Dr Kay's practice to teach at Johns Hopkins Dermatology. This was an intimidating environment but I had the confidence and skills he taught me and I thrived. I can't say enough to justify my feelings for him. My blessings to his family. All the best and Thank you, Dr Kay! Love you very much! Susan Koch

July 28 at 8:55 PM



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Florence Glatt posted:

My husband, William "Bill" Glatt and Don started practice at about the same time. Bill and I were both Don's patients. Bill sent so many of his Internal Medicine patients to Don's office and always enjoyed visiting with him and watching his practice grow. I am sad to learn of Don's passing. May his memory be for a blessing. Florence Glatt

February 13 at 10:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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