

Carey Legett Jr.

Carey Legett, Jr., MD Carey Legett, Jr., MD, a member of the Greatest Generation, passed away on January 7, 2010. He was born January 29, 1918 in Port Lavaca, Texas to Judge Carey Legett and Annie Hunnicutt Legett. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Rosalis Legett Crockett and grandson Jon Christopher Legett.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Georgia Felter Legett, MD, and their children: Carey (Rey) Legett, III of Austin, George Ann Nelsen (Mark) of Leander, Jon David Legett (Debbie) of Pflugerville, and Susan Legett Edwards (fiancé Kendall Carlton) of Colorado Springs, CO. Also surviving are grandchildren: Carey (Chip) Legett, IV of Norman, OK, Scot Nelsen (Callie), Greg Nelsen (Becca), Matt Nelsen (Amy), John Nelsen (Marta), Sarah Legett Ellis (Zach), Zachary Legett, Jonathan Legett, Emily Edwards, Alissa Edwards, and Andrew Edwards. He is also survived by his brother Bob H. Legett (Irene), several nieces and nephews; and five great-grandchildren.

Carey graduated from Port Lavaca High School, Victoria Junior College, the University of Texas at Austin and the UT Medical Branch in Galveston. He served as a flight surgeon during World War II in the China-Burma-India Theatre attaining the rank of Major at the age of 26. He was decorated with the Bronze Star, Air Medal, two Campaign Stars, two Presidential Unit Citations and the China War Memorial Medal by the Republic of China. After his military service, he and Georgia received specialty training in New Jersey and New York – Carey in Ophthalmology and Georgia in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In the fall of 1949, they moved to Austin and began practicing together in their offices at 1707 Colorado St., then later at 2904 Swisher St. Carey worked voluntarily in the clinic of Brackenridge Hospital regularly for 20+ years and was Chief of Service two different times at both Brackenridge and St. David's Hospitals.

He was a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngological Society, the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Hypnosis; the Travis County and American Medical Associations. He was also a member of the Rotary Club of Austin since 1950 with multiple Paul Harris Fellowships. He was a long time member of the Longhorn Foundation and a lifetime member of the Texas Exes.

Carey and Georgia spent many years traveling the globe, visiting all seven continents as well as all 50 states. In 1962, they began many years of happy vacations at the YMCA of the Rockies-Estes Park where Carey climbed all of the 13,000 and 14,000 ft peaks of Rocky Mountain National Park. Carey was born and raised a Baptist. He later joined Georgia as a member of University Presbyterian Church during the 1992 Centennial Year.

Services were held at University Presbyterian Church on Monday, January 18th with senior pastor, Dr. San Williams officiating.