



HERMAN HULL STONE, MD

1915 –2006

Herman Stone was born on an Illinois farm in 1915. He attended and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1941 and married Marie Carlson in March of the same year. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the Army Medical Corps Reserve.

After serving in the Air Force, Dr. Stone joined the Riverside Medical Clinic in 1950 at its original location in Riverside's Mission Inn Rotunda. He became the 14th physician of record in a group practice that grew significantly over the years. He served as chairman of Riverside Medical Clinic and president of the Riverside County Medical Association. He also served two terms as Trustee of California Blue Shield, 25 years as Delegate to the California Medical Association, and 12 years in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Stone had two children, Richard (Dick) and Patricia (Patsy), who married Joan and Josip, respectively. They were blessed with four grandchildren: Heather, Edward, Eric, and Helen. Dr. and Mrs. Stone were married just over 65 years. Dr. Stone celebrated his 90th birthday in December 2005.

Before retiring in January 1991, Dr. Stone had practiced medicine in Riverside for 41 years. Near the end of his career he had a dream to offer his community a place to find answers to some of their own health and medicine questions – a medical library for the general public. He pitched the idea to Riverside Medical Foundation in September 1991, and the Board unanimously approved the project. In November of that year, the Riverside Medical Foundation held a special dinner to help establish the *Patients' Information Library*. A year later, the Library was in full operation with Dr. Stone serving as director along with one volunteer to help him staff it. The Library was first housed in a second floor storeroom closet at Riverside Medical Clinic, was later moved to an unused lab room, and in 1996 moved to a larger location on the main floor of the Clinic, its current location.

Without the determination of Dr. Stone, the *Patients' Information Library*, later renamed the *Dr. Herman H. Stone Medical Library*, would not be what it is today. Using his own furniture and books, along with other donated materials, Dr. Stone established the area's only medical library open to the public. From its small beginnings, the Library now boasts an impressive selection of medical books, journals, newsletters, pamphlets, brochures, and other reference materials. Dr. Stone continued to serve as the director, and until late 2004 volunteered in the Library on a regular bi-weekly basis. Dr. Stone's dream of a medical library to help the community became a reality, and his legacy will continue to thrive.