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RICHARD STUART GORDON, M.D. 11/2/1931 to 9/22/2018 After a morning of raking leaves, our dear husband and father Richard "Dick" S. Gordon, 86, passed away peacefully during an afternoon nap in Florida on September 22, 2018. Dick was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1931. His high school years were spent in Lower Merion Township, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Williams College in 1954 and Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in 1962. At the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, Richard completed his three year medical residency in internal medicine and rheumatology. Doctor Gordon accepted a position at The Riverside Medical Clinic in 1966 and moved his family of six to Riverside, California where he resided for almost half a century before moving to Palm Coast, Florida. Doctor Gordon eventually began a private medical practice and, in 1978, founded the Arthritis Medical Clinic in Riverside. Throughout his medical practice years, Doctor Gordon enjoyed speaking and lecturing at Loma Linda University and at UC Riverside where he was an associate professor of medicine. Always involved, Dick was an active board member and medical honoree of the Inland Empire Arthritis Foundation. Kind-hearted, lovable, and fun, Dick was at his happiest when surrounded by others. It was a joy for him to serve people through his medical practice, through service clubs, and through gatherings. He excelled at bringing family and friends together whether it involved orchestrating a Gordon Clan family reunion, presiding over an Exchange Club meeting, or planning a Kentucky Derby party. On Christmas Eve, he would drop by the homes of family and friends as jolly Ole' Saint Nick spreading Christmas cheer to all the children and the adults alike. Dick loved adventure from road trips to traveling by sea and sky. His travels brought him to almost all of our fifty states and many different continents around the world. He exposed his young family to traveling early on from sailing trips to Newport Beach, ski trips to Mammoth Mountain, and with a well-remembered road trip to multiple famous sites half way across the USA. Dick's adventures continued throughout his life and he was always ready for the next one. Richard is survived by his wife of 26 years, Dona Smith Gordon of Palm Coast, FL; his daughter Kathryn Gordon Campbell (husband Scott) of Carlsbad, CA; his son Richard "Rick" Gordon, Jr. of Riverside, CA; his daughter Janet Gordon Thayer (husband Jim) of Riverside, CA; his daughter Carolyn Gordon Pallesen (husband Brian) of Nampa, ID; his first wife of 18 years and mother of his four children Nancy Buehler Gordon of Riverside, CA; his stepson Anthony Pinner and stepdaughter Jessie Sanders (husband Jay); his eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Elaine MacLean and William Catron Gordon, Jr., his second wife Jeanette "Jenny" Gordon who passed away during their 18th year of marriage and, most recently, his sister Jean Gordon Tompkins. Funeral services and Celebration of Life reception will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside, on Friday, October 19th at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation and National Exchange Club.



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