6-6-17 Frank Titus Obit

Frank Lovell Titus, 95 of Reno, Nevada, passed away on June 3 of natural causes.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at Walton’s Funerals & Cremations at Noon on June 15, 2017, at 600 W. Second St. in Reno.

Frank was born in Truckee, California, in January 1922. He graduated from Truckee Meadow Lake Union High School in 1938 and enrolled in the University of Nevada’s pre-med program. He transferred to the University of California – San Francisco where he graduated in 1943 with a degree in Pharmacy.

Frank enrolled as an aviation cadet in the U.S. Navy in 1942, but was allowed to finish school. He graduated as a Naval Aviator from a Pensacola, Fla. airbase and assigned to Naval Air Group 7 as a replacement pilot off the carrier Hancock.

Frank married Jacqueline Carney in 1951; they were married for 60 wonderful years.

A career pharmacist, Frank was appointed to the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. In 1969, the A.H. Robbins Company honored Frank with the prestigious “Bowl of Hygia” Award as Outstanding Pharmacist representing the State of Nevada.

As a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Frank represented the profession’s interests in the Nevada State legislature for 30 years. In 1973, Frank was also appointed by the governor to the Board of Directors that established Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno and Carson City. He served until both colleges were completed.

Among his many accomplishments, Frank was a member of the 1939 University of Nevada’s undefeated Pacific Coast champion ski team coached by Wayne Poulsen. In the 1940s, Frank actively helped Poulsen establish Squaw Valley Ski Corp. and was one of the first stock holders in the fledgling resort.

Frank is preceded in death by his wife Jacqueline and survived by his children Casey and Lisa (Lindeman), grand-daughters Lisa (Smith), Nancy and great-grandchildren Jasmine and Otto.

An avid skier, hunter and fisherman, Frank also tried his hand at ranching and horse racing. He was a lifetime fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers. For over 50 years he was a member of the Masonic Scottish Rite in Reno, and a lifetime member of the Navy’s Tailhook Association. He was active in two chapters of E Clampus Vitus and the Truckee-Donner Historical Society.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the Truckee Donner Historical Society.