



## Richard G. Doyle MD

September 8, 1925 - July 8, 2021

Richard George Doyle MD died at home in Northridge of heart disease on July 8, 2021. He was born on September 8, 1925 in Waldorf, Minnesota to James and Everilde Brecht Doyle, with older brothers James and Bob and younger sister Elizabeth "Buzz." The family moved to Owatonna, MN when he was 13 and he graduated from high school in 1943, joining the Navy flight training program. When the Navy's need for pilots decreased he was assigned to the V-12 program and attended Millsaps College and the University of Oklahoma, earning his commission in 1945. He served at San Diego and Long Beach Naval Shipyards before leaving active duty as a lieutenant and earning a BA in Psychology from College of St Thomas in Minnesota. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict then returned to civilian life and completed his MA in Psychology at Loyola University in Chicago. While taking a chemistry course before beginning medical school he was assigned a lab partner Theo Nina Mörner and they became life partners for 64+ years. After graduation from Stritch School of Medicine (Loyola Chicago) and completion of his residency at Cook County Hospital he moved to California with his growing family and joined Facey Medical Group in San Fernando. He practiced Internal Medicine at Facey for 32 years, beloved by his patients for his compassionate care and sense of humor and respected by his colleagues for his diagnostic acumen. He and his Facey colleagues contributed to the growth and resilience of Holy Cross Hospital through earthquakes in 1971 and 1994. He continued to attend biweekly educational lunch meetings at Holy Cross in his retirement until the pandemic curtailed in-person gatherings. In retirement he also pursued his interests in history, art, geology and collecting. He served the San Fernando Valley Historical Society as a long-term board member and for a term as President. He and Theo were members of the California Art Club, the Antiquarian Society, The Westerners, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, and Del Air Rockhounds, gaining many wonderful friends through their activities.

Richard attended weekly Mass at the San Fernando Mission led by Msgr Francis Weber and served on the board of the Mission's Archival Center. Dr. Doyle was appreciated by the local Catholic community for his generous medical care for many priests and sisters

and was honored by being selected as the local on-call physician for Pope John Paul II during the Pope's visit to the Mission in 1987. He was especially honored with the Benemerenti Medal in 2010 for exceptional service to the Church.

He is survived by his wife Theo, children Mary (Link) Hansen, Tom (Nan), Georgia, and Greg (Kristine); grandchildren Georgia, Phillip, Nina, Tom, Kristina, William, and Margot and great-granddaughter Elizabeth (Buzz).

At this time the services for Mr. Doyle have been postponed. We will update this page when information becomes available.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the San Fernando Valley Historical Society, the San Fernando Mission Archival Center or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery

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## **San Fernando Mission Cemetery**

11160 Stranwood Ave.

Mission Hills, CA, 91345

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Dr Doyle at the San Fernando Valley Historical Society.



**Richard Besone** - July 16, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ Dr. Richard Doyle is pictured here (first person on left) in 2007 being sworn in as a Board member and officer of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society for the 2007-2008 year. Dr. Doyle is pictured from left to right with Phillip Wenger Ken Morris, Midge Gisel, Joyce Gaynor and Mary Lou Pozzo. Dr. Doyle at the time of his passing was still active as a director and curator of the Society and had recently attended the Society's Memorial Day event at the Pioneer Cemetery. Dr. Doyle was a long-standing member of the Society, held various positions, and donated numerous artifacts and books, but most importantly Dr. Doyle was a great friend, and gentleman.

**Richard Besone** - July 16, 2021 at 05:00 PM

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“ I am fortunate enough to be friends with Dr. Doyle's estimable son Tom and want to express my sincerest condolences to the rest of the family. Though I didn't have the privilege of meeting him I know through his son he was a special man. In this case, the apple did not fall far from the tree.

**Frank Coffey** - July 16, 2021 at 02:39 PM

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“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Richard G. Doyle MD.



July 14, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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“ I love you dad.

**Greg Doyle** - July 12, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ Dear Greg

My heartfelt sympathy to you, your Mother, Theo, your own little family, and your siblings. I have the fondest memories of you as one of my little Cub Scouts, and the joy of watching you grow up with Mark. Thank you for keeping your friendship through all these years. Love truly has no bounds.

Jean Hays

**Jean Hays** - July 28, 2021 at 07:41 PM