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Truman Wright Yates

World War II Veteran & hospital administrator, Truman Wright Yates died of lung cancer on August 11, 2002. He was born June 9, 1922 in Yuma, Arizona. Truman grew up in Yuma and volunteered to serve in the U. S. Navy during World War II. During one tour of duty he was involved in "Operations Crossroads" at Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific. He was proud to be a veteran and was a member of the recently formed Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #301. Truman attended Yale University on a military scholarship and then attended Washington University School of Medicine, eventually becoming a hospital administrator.

Truman's wife of 37 years, Joan, was at his side when he died. Truman's children visited him during his last few weeks of life. Truman loved life and was an avid fisherman and especially enjoyed playing cards and dominoes with his family in later years. He is survived by his wife Joan Yates and their six children, Randy Yates, Lynne Chambers of Grapeland, Lisa Yates, Tom Neal, Julie Selleck and Ann Neal, as well as thirteen grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Geraldine Hardy of Whittier, California and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 17, 2002 at the Christ Community Church in Carmichael, CA.

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