

Obituary



Gordon Byxbe Crary Jr. 1921-2016

Gordon B. Crary, Jr., a native of Los Angeles, died peacefully on February 20th in Santa Barbara, where he resided for many years. Just the day before he passed away, he was enjoying chocolates as he was sitting in the sunlight of his porch.

Gordon was born and raised in Los Angeles. He attended Harvard Military School and then Stanford University, where he graduated in 1943. He served in the Army during World War Two in Europe. Upon his return he worked for a brief time at Douglas Aircraft before joining EF Hutton & Company, where he became partner in charge of the Southern California region of the firm and then a member of its board of directors. He continued with the firm after its acquisition by Smith Barney and Morgan Stanley until his retirement.

Gordon was an avid golfer, a sailor since his youth on the Balboa Peninsula, and he greatly enjoyed the societies of friends to which he belonged. He was very conscious of and had gratitude for his good fortune, and he was generous to his family, to others who came into his life, and to many charitable organizations and schools. Most notably, beginning nearly 50 years ago he and his wife Mary became important supporters of the Doheny Eye Institute, where ultimately he was recognized as a Life Member of its board of directors.

He is survived by his sons John Crary of Mill Valley, California and Siri Atma Singh Khalsa of Santa Fe, New Mexico, his daughters-in-law Barbara Whiteside Crary and Gobind Kaur Khalsa, and his grandchildren, Dana Crary, Shane and Jil Crary-Ross, and Siri and Harkrishan Khalsa. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Mary Leonard Crary, 23 years ago, as well as by his eldest son, Gordon III ("Bix") who passed away in 2014 and his second wife, Janet Milligan, who passed away several years ago. He leaves behind many who loved and valued him, including former daughters-in-law Melinda Cohen and Cory Ross, his step-grandchildren, Amber Favetti, Abby Whiteside, Paige Whiteside and Jordan Molina, his loving and big-hearted niece and nephew Janet Atkins and Bruce Crary, his long time friend and colleague, Felice Hubbard, and numerous others who called him a friend.

A memorial celebration is planned for Saturday, April 2nd from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Santa Barbara Club, 1105 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara. Those who knew and appreciated Gordon are welcome to attend. The family requests no gifts or flowers, though we encourage donations to be made in his memory with the Doheny Eye Institute, PO Box 86228, Los Angeles, CA 90086-0228 or online at <http://www.doheny.org/>