



## Grant Knute Hagestad

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Grant "Gary" Knute Hagestad was born July 20, 1937, in San Mateo, CA to Hamilton and Ruth

Hagestad. Gary grew up in Placerville, California, and as a teenager, worked with his father,

surveying and charting miles of the Sierra Mountains in the Sonora, CA area.

Gary graduated with honors from Sonora High School and was the first in his family to go to

college, earning a scholarship to Stanford University, where he earned a B.S. in Civil

Engineering, a M.S. in Civil Engineering and Construction Management, and an M.B.A.

Grant became his favored name in business. In 1976, with three partners, he founded a home-

building company in Campbell, California and has been active as president and CEO for Estate

Homes. From 1984 to the early 90s, Grant founded three home-building companies, Estate

Homes of Dublin, Estate Homes of Fairfield, and Estate Homes of Vacaville, and co-managed

their construction of homes with partner, Doug Gilman. The Estate Homes companies have built more than 1500 single family homes throughout the Bay Area and in Solano County.

His children have always been an important part of his life and he cherishes the memories of

teaching Jeanne and Erik to ride a bicycle, to ride horses and to play soccer while he was one

of the coaches. He remembers playing baseball with the children, the many hikes with

grandchildren, and the trips to Wyoming, Disneyland and Hawaii.

Grant loved hiking, and with family, he hiked stretches of the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appalachian

Trail, Fat Man's Trail, and the trail to the San Francisco Peaks. With wife, Betty, trips were made

to Paris with the Catacombs, the Louvre, Alaska, Canada, New England for the colors,

Minnesota, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Vancouver Island, scuba diving in

Jamaica, the Civil War battlefields, and many more.

Grant and Betty have been avid football fans and had season tickets to both the 49ers and

Stanford during the 1990s when both teams made it to Super Bowls and Rose Bowls. Later,

they have loved watching on television, without the tailgates, traffic, and time involved in

attending.

Grant, age 88, took the hand of our Precious Lord on October 25, 2025, and died with family

and friends. Grant's deep and abiding faith proved to be a constant source of peace and

strength throughout his life. It sustained him through challenges and brought him comfort and courage during his battle with cancer, reminding all who loved him of his steadfast trust in God's care and grace.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hamilton Hagestad and Ruth Stringham; first wife, Patricia Graham Smith, and son, Erik Hagestad. He is survived by wife, Betty Nelson Gravdahl; sister, Laura Stallone; daughters, Jeanne Hagestad, Colleen (Dudley Gardner) Carscallen, and

Lori (Jean-Francois) Poujol; grandchildren, Adam, Glenn, and Shannon Carscallen, Tristan, Savannah, and Sebastien Poujol, and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 5100 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95124.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM.

St. Timothy's Lutheran

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift was purchased for the family of Grant Knute Hagestad.* ”



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November 13, 2025 at 12:50 AM