



## Augusto Proaño

January 9, 1926 - August 25, 2017

Dr. Augusto Gus Proaño, 91, of Vancouver, WA, passed away peacefully on August 25, 2017. He is survived by his sister, Ligia Montero, wife, Beatriz Proaño, children Fernando, Pablo and Fabian Proaño; Monica Osborne, and Susan DeLong. He is preceded in death by father Cesar, mother Dolores, and sister Hilda Proaño. He was born in Quito, Ecuador on January 9, 1926. He graduated with an M.D. degree from Central University Medical School of Quito in 1952. In 1953, he completed Internal Medicine internship at Kaiser Permanente, Vancouver, WA. That year, he began residency training in psychiatry and neurology and graduated from Menninger School of Psychiatry, Topeka, Kansas in 1957. During his residency training at the Menninger Clinic, he co-authored a book with Dr. Karl Menninger with a chapter on schizophrenia. In 1958, Dr. Proaño served as staff psychiatrist at Osawatomie State Hospital, Osawatomie, Kansas. From 1959 to 1962, he served as Director of Psychiatric Residency Training for the University of Washington School of Medicine - Northern State Hospital site in Sedro Woolley, WA. During this time, he achieved board certification from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and continued his research in schizophrenia. In 1962, he and his family relocated to Vancouver, WA, where he began a long and successful medical career as a psychiatrist in private practice. In 1969, Dr. Proaño was founder and Clinical Director of Columbia View Hospital, the first in-patient psychiatric hospital in Vancouver. He was a pioneer in treatment of substance use disorders. Dr. Proaño was also a successful entrepreneur.

His investments included Red Steer and Red Corral Drive Inns, Columbia Medical Plaza in Vancouver, and an apartment building in Quito, Ecuador. He was also one of ten founders and owners of the Portland Timbers, a North American Soccer League professional soccer franchise in 1975. Despite full time medical practice and business endeavors, he was devoted to his wife Beatriz, with whom he was married for 65 years, 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He instilled values of passion for life, self-worth, and service to community. He was an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Josephs Catholic Churches. The game of soccer was one of his greatest passions. He introduced the first Vancouver youth soccer program in 1967. His youth teams, the Vancouver Santos and Vancouver Columbians, won a combined total of six Oregon State Championships, including three Division One U-19 Championships in a row! He was recently honored as inductee to the Northwest Soccer Hall of Fame. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, September 6th at 10:30am at St. Josephs Catholic Church, 6600 Highland Dr. in Vancouver, WA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to any of the following charities: •National Christian Foundation - Peters Hope Giving Fund: 7357 SW Beveland Rd. Suite 210, Portland, OR 97223 •St. Josephs Catholic Church: 6600 Highland Dr. Vancouver, WA 98661 •Alzheimers Association: 225 N. Michigan Ave. Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 The Proano Family wishes to thank Touchmark at Fairway Village for the excellent care and dedication given to Augusto.

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