Harry C. S. Park, M.D., 84, of Vancouver, WA, passed away June 10, 2014. He was born in Honolulu, HI to Yoon Cho Park and Kum Sun Kim, the youngest of six children. Harry spent his formative years in Honolulu and Korea. In high school at Hawaiian Mission Academy, he met his future wife, Lucille, and together they left paradise to attend and complete their degrees at Walla Walla College.

On July 13, 1952, Harry and Lucille were married in Portland, OR. Their first two children were born while he completed medical school and residencies. While making plans to open his first practice in the Seattle area, he heard that a small town just north of Vancouver was seeking a doctor. Ridgefield welcomed the family warmly and the roots of a forty-year career in Clark County were planted alongside numerous friendships.

In 1967, the family, including four more children, moved to Meadow Glade. Harry’s practice shifted from the Ridgefield and Yacolt area to Battle Ground and Hazel Dell. As a solo practitioner, he was always “on call.” For patients who became ill after office hours, he made home visits with his black bag, treated them in his own residence, or roared off on his Harley Davidson to deliver newborns in the hospital. It was not unusual for Harry to begin his day at the hospital performing a tonsillectomy, hernia repair, or tubal ligation; check on patients at a nursing home during lunch; end a full day in the office with a vasectomy procedure; then play basketball with his Medics team or attend a Trail Blazer game.

Most meaningful to Harry, though, was the opportunity to use his job as a springboard to minister; invariably vexing his staff with extended patient chats and not staying on schedule. An unbending policy of providing free care to leaders of any faith (reverends, monks, pastors) was an extension of his belief that carrying out God’s work rendered its own rewards.

Throughout his life, Harry was a force of nature. He was a natural athlete who excelled in numerous sports with a competitive streak. Musicality flowed out of him like water from a spring and he thrived in being unconventional. You always knew where you stood with him as well as the expectation to be equally driven. Harry was generous, to a fault, to every panhandler or person who presented in need. Even when his health started failing over a decade ago, he remained confident in his ability to impact the world. Although Harry was firmly entrenched in the belief that a person should go down swinging, he passed away peacefully in the early hours of a beautiful June day with a son by his side. To the very end, his faith in God never wavered. A few days before his heart, liver, and kidneys failed, he responded to his daughter saying, “Don’t worry. God’s going to take care of everything.”

Harry is survived by Lucille, his wife of nearly 62 years; brother, Bill; children, Dennis (Melissa), Dianne (Jeff), Doreen (Robert), Delanne, Douglas (Elizabeth), and Darres; grandchildren, Talia, Samara, Jacob and Britttnay; nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Harry did not wish to have a service. However, longtime family friend, Dorothy Kuehnel, is planning a Celebration of Life on July 13th at the Red Lion at the Quay, 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Meadow Glade Seventh-Day Adventist Church or Meadow Glade Seventh-Day Adventist Cowboy Church, Attn: Shirley Romig, 8102 NE 179th St., Battle Ground, WA 98604.