



## Rex Gilman Chase

April 12, 1931 - January 30, 2017

Rex Gilman Chase

DHS (Dunlap High School) Plus Forty, or  
Good Times, Bad Times But I Am Still Here

Where is the schoolboy of 1949 that used to be me?

After leaving high school, I went to Omaha for the summer to work with some of my classmates. Then on to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, where I managed to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. After much luck and some aptitude, the University also saw fit to grant me a Master of Arts in Hospital Administration. While waiting for the United States Air Force to make up its mind as to my worthiness, my educational credits started accruing toward the doctoral degree...fortunately, before the written dissertation had to be submitted, the Air Force came through with a commission.

Three years were then spent defending the skies of America, primarily in the role of a Squadron Commander. After that theatrical farce was played out, I continued in the Air Force Reserve for a short time since the Frequent Flier programs had not yet come into being.

However, since the Reserve pay seemed inadequate, I was persuaded to accept an appointment with a hospital in the Napa Valley...land of California wines. Then on to a major San Francisco medical center and then to another hospital administrative position in San Jose.

Subsequently, I accepted an appointment in San Francisco which eventually led to the august title of President & Chief Executive Officer of a parent

organization, which had a host of subsidiary health related corporations - both profit and nonprofit. This broad based, highly diversified organization maintained worldwide services through an extensive network in the private and public sectors. The travel opportunities were frequent and many were truly exciting.

The services provided by this organization included: the Western Hansen's Disease (leprosy) Institute, which provided services in Micronesia, Hawaii & the Western United States; a sizable health project in the Andes & Amazon of Peru; a large medical center in San Francisco; nursing homes; financial and computer consultative services; the San Francisco Heart Institute, with extended services to Alaska, France, Hong Kong & the Philippines; and urgent care centers, free standing surgical centers and free standing professional centers.

In 1985, I retired from the health scene. Fun, yes. Rewarding, yes. But thirty years in the pressure cooker is enough.

I now progress through the year by being in Berkeley in the Fall, Winter in Hawaii or wherever the sun is shining, Spring in some new or old spot on the globe, Summer near Lake Tahoe, and back to Berkeley for the Fall. It has not yet worked out as just described but the intent is there.

What else? Oh, yes, I am still trying to find a way to be a real hell raiser, mover and shaker in the more liberal political and social movements...in the tradition of Clarence Darrow, Mother Jones and Jessica Mitford. But that is another story, and at least another page...and just possibly more interesting than any of the above which now reads more like one of those insipid Christmas letters that recites what each of the kids have been doing (as though we had been wondering!).

Where is the schoolboy of 1949 that used to be me?

(Written by Rex Chase in 1989 for his 40th High School Reunion.)

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset View Cemetery

101 Colusa Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Northbrae Community Church  
941 The Alameda  
Berkeley, CA 94707

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Diana S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rex Gilman Chase.



Diana S. - February 07, 2017 at 07:14 PM

TF

“ The Klatt Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rex Gilman Chase.



The Klatt Family - February 07, 2017 at 03:26 PM

PS

“ Patricia Slivinski purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rex Gilman Chase.



Patricia Slivinski - February 06, 2017 at 05:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rex Gilman Chase.



February 04, 2017 at 01:00 PM