**Don & June Salvatori**

Don Salvatori, a California pharmacist for over four decades, was born in Avon, South Dakota in 1928. He grew up in Iowa and South Dakota, working in the Swift Packing House during most of WWII. He joined the Navy near the end of the war, going through Southern California before being stationed in Bremerton, WA as a corpsman in the Naval Hospital. Like many servicemen, Don fell in love with Southern California. He used the GI Bill to attend college, graduating from the University of Southern California in 1953. He was the first in his family to earn a college degree.

Don worked in various pharmacies in Long Beach after graduation meeting his wife, June, at Willow Drug. He was the first non-store owner accepted into the Long Beach Pharmacists Association (LBPhA). June's experience in the pharmacy gave her the basis to support Don's career throughout their marriage.

In 1962 Don bough Bi-Way Pharmacy in Long Beach, serving the community of Long Beach for the next 32 years. June took care of the front end, making sure the sundries were stocked and (& more fun!) selecting and stocking a variety of gift items. During their career, they earned the confidence of families through four generations. Don not only dispensed medicine, he also counseled his patients on all their health needs.

He served twice as President of the Long Beach Pharmacists Association, twice selected Pharmacist of the Year and served his local and state professional associations for over forty years. June served as President several times for the Auxiliary to the LBPhA and as Secretary and President to the Auxiliary to the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA).

In 1995 Don worked on a concept of a museum to capture all the rich history of pharmacy in California. He and June collected antiques and personal histories about pharmacy, joining with other enthusiasts preserving California history. Although Don passed away in May of 1996, the museum concept through a dedicated committee formed and supported by CPhA. June became the Curator, watching over the selection and setting up of displays, as well as organizing fundraising. She wrote and edited historical information for the CPhA's magazine. The museum was named in Don's memory in 1997, renamed in 2009 as the Don & June Salvatori California Pharmacy Museum to honor the dedicated couple. Don's commitment to his profession, with June's support, and his care and compassion for the people of his community serve as a timeless reminder that these qualities are part of all pharmacists...past, present and future.