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Walter L. Dunkley

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Feb. 15, 1918 – Nov. 11, 2011

Walter Lewis Dunkley, 93, died Nov. 11, 2011, in Pleasanton, surrounded by his family. Walt was born Feb. 15, 1918, in Olds, Alberta, Canada. He will be fondly remembered by his family, Dave and Cheryl Dunkley of Weatherford, Texas; Art and Tuny Dunkley of Pleasanton; and Ken Dunkley and Catey Low of Montecito; as well as six Dunkley grandchildren: Shana, Blaine, Michael, Daniel, Paige and Claire. His loving wife of 64 years, Virginia M. Dunkley, “Ginie,” predeceased him in 2008.



Walt graduated in 1939 from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, with a degree in agriculture, followed in 1941 by a master’s degree in biochemistry. In 1943, he received his Ph.D. in dairy industry from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

He led a distinguished career as professor of food science and technology at UC Davis. He was president of the American Dairy Science Association and a recipient of the prestigious Borden Award for his research in dairy chemistry and nutrition.

Walt and Ginie raised their family in Davis and spent many retirement years together at Eskaton Village in Carmichael. During their married life they enjoyed wonderful times with their three sons and six grandchildren as well as travel to many parts of the globe. Walt lived his last three years at The Parkview in Pleasanton.

His family will cherish the memories of his positive and cheerful outlook, bright smile and sharp intellect. He was a source of pleasant optimism and good humor for all who knew him. No services are planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hope Hospice in Dublin.

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