Obituaries
Edwin N. Frankel

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Edwin N. Frankel, Ph.D., passed away from natural causes on Nov. 20 at home in Davis, surrounded by his family, who comforted him to the very end.

Edwin had a long career at UC Davis as an adjunct professor in the department of food science and technology. At UCD, he led a research lab that made substantial scientific contributions to the field of lipid oxidation and antioxidants in food and biological systems. In partnership with scientists in Davis and throughout the world, Edwin published research studies on the stability of fats and oils and natural antioxidants, including a major study on the benefits of phenolics in red wine. Prior to joining the UCD faculty in 1989, Edwin spent 30 years as a research chemist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Peoria, Ill.

Edwin was born in 1928 in Alexandria, Egypt. He came to the United States in 1947 to study agriculture at Michigan State University, where he received a bachelor’s degree in 1950. With his wife Barbara, he came to Davis to pursue graduate study in dairy science and earned a Ph.D. from UCD in 1956. Edwin and Barbara maintained their Davis friendships over the years, and they were delighted to return to Davis for good in 1989.

Edwin is survived by his wife of 69 years, Barbara, and by his children Lisa Raines, Judith Frankel, Sara Frankel, Andrew Frankel and Susan Frankel. He is also survived by his grandchildren Rachel Raines, Ivan and Lucy Davenny, and Jakob and Kai DeRego-Frankel.

A life celebration will be held at a future date for family and friends. Donations may be made in his name to Yolo Hospice or Yolo Food Bank.
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