



TOM MOORE
1928 - 1973

In Memoriam

On April 14, 1973, orthodontics suffered the premature loss of Tom Moore, a dedicated clinical researcher and practitioner of unquestioned skill. Tom was born in Carnegie, Oklahoma, and attended high school in Salinas, California where he was active in sports and scholastic activities. After completing work for his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of California at Berkeley, Tom joined the Air Force and served as an F-104 pilot in Korea. His outstanding abilities as a leader marked him for service as an instructor at Nellis Air Force Base following his tour of duty in Korea. Tom resigned his commission in the fall of 1955 and entered dental school at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco. Always at the head of his class, he was accepted into the Curriculum II program and was the recipient of the Alpha Omega award for highest scholastic achievement.

In his brief career Tom contributed as much or more than many men in a lifetime. His interests were broad, but youth programs and orthodontics

received a major share of his attentions. He was an active participant in his church, serving as an Elder, and was president of his local dental society at the time of his death. The Central Component of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists presented him their Award of Merit in recognition of his outstanding service. He was the youngest man to be so honored.

Tom had devoted a great deal of time to the study of occlusion and had lectured widely on the subject. He would have delivered a paper at the International Conference for Orthodontists to be held in Munich this year.

Those of us who had the good fortune to have known Tom as a member of the Northern California Component of the Angle Society will miss him as a friend and orthodontist, always remembering that he truly had contributed to a better understanding of some of the problems of occlusion that face the dental profession.

Tom is survived by his wife Patti, daughters Karen, Joanne, Susan and son Tom Jr. residing in Saratoga, California.

G.S.P.