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# EDGAR ERWIN HARDY

## Obituary



HARDY, EDGAR ERWIN Dr. Edgar Erwin Hardy passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at the age of 96. Born in a suburb of Berlin in 1913, Dr. Hardy was educated in Switzerland, receiving a doctorate in law in 1936. That same year, he fled Germany and came to the United States. He settled in Minneapolis where he studied chemistry at the University of Minnesota and met and married his wife Katherine. One of the preeminent industrial, polymer chemist of his generation, he had an illustrious career as a chemist. Dr. Hardy also was active as a watercolorist, educator, writer, lecturer and philanthropist. He taught at Cal Poly Pomona State University, San Diego State University and UCSD as an adjunct professor. He was one of the founders of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Hardy was also a prominent lecturer and writer on creativity and maximizing one's mental abilities. He wrote two books on these subjects; one illustrated by his wife and a second in collaboration with his grandson Sean Hardy. An active member of the Southwest Art Association, he had numerous art shows in the San Diego area. Edgar is survived by his four children, Karen deLaurier, Mike, David and Chris Hardy; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A Memorial Service for Dr. Hardy will be held at 1 p.m. on November 22nd at Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw St., San Diego 92103. Memorial donations to Wright State University Foundation, STEAM3 Project, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Dayton, Ohio 45435.

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