

# 'Papa Fry' leaves legacy at Barton Health



Dr. Paul J. Fry II helped define medicine on the South Shore. Photo/Provided

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On behalf of the entire Barton family, I wish to express my deepest condolences to the Fry family on the passing of Dr. Paul J. Fry II.

Dr. Fry made significant contributions to the health and wellness of our community, and his impact has improved the lives of many.

"Papa Fry," as he was known by many members of the community, was a beloved orthopedic physician in Lake Tahoe and Carson Valley for nearly 50 years. He opened Tahoe Fracture Clinic in 1964, and propelled the orthopedic program to a nationally recognized level.

Dr. Fry touched many both personally and professionally through his philanthropic efforts. He was recognized by the Barton Foundation as Philanthropist of the Year in 2012.

Dr. Fry was also an active physician even in his free time. He organized formal medical coverage for the US Alpine Ski Team

and was an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of California, Davis. He presented and published multiple works on the bones and joints, including toboggan injuries. A dedicated volunteer, Dr. Fry also supported sports programs at South Tahoe High School and provided orthopedic care in Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.

Dr. Fry continued to play an important role in our community's journey to better health since his retirement from Tahoe Fracture. He served on the Barton Governing Board of Directors from January 2000 to May 2010 and from May 2011 to May 2014 as well as numerous committees during his tenure. Additionally, Dr. Fry was a Board member of Carson Valley Medical Center since 2008. He integral to development of the Robert Maloff Center of Excellence, which will break ground this fall, and was always looking out for the future of health, wellness, and sports medicine in our community.

This is truly a deep loss for our community. In lieu of flowers, Dr. Fry's family has suggested donations be made to the Barton Foundation to support the future Center of Excellence.

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