

# In Memoriam



DOUGLAS



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**RALPH G. ESROCK '49**, of Ventura, died Aug. 30, 2005. He was the owner of Ontario Floor Covering. Esrock served as a sharpshooter in the U.S. Army's anti-aircraft corps; he received the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, and a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with bronze star. Prior to enrolling in CMC, he completed coursework at the University of Missouri, Washington University, UCLA, San Bernardino Junior College, and Chaffey College.

**A. MORGAN MAREE III '50**, of Fallbrook, died March 21. As head of the business management firm A. Morgan Maree Jr. & Associates, he helped Hollywood stars manage their money for more than three decades. In 1953, after earning his B.A. from CMC and his MBA at the University of Chicago, Maree came to the firm started by his father A. Morgan Maree Jr. 31 years earlier and was assigned the young Robert Wagner as his first client. He helped to protect celebrity wealth from taxes first and to provide for retirement with carefully chosen investments. Other clients included Humphrey Bogart, Robert Taylor, Walter Pidgeon, Dick Powell, David O. Selznick, Natalie Wood, Ava Gardner, and Nancy Sinatra. Maree, a close friend of John Cassavetes, also acted in Cassavetes' 1980 film "Gloria," starring Gena Rowlands. He did community theater in Palm Springs and cable access local programming in Lake Arrowhead after he left Hollywood. In addition to his son, A. Morgan Maree IV, Maree is survived by his fourth wife, Mary Harvest Maree; children Sean Patrick Haymes Maree and Samantha Haymes Maree; and sister Marianne Maree Cooper.

**RICHARD J. PEEL '58**, of Banning, died Sept. 29, 2008. Peel entered the U.S. Navy in 1950, and served in the South Pacific and San Diego. While at CMC, he was president of the Glee Club and business manager of the Ayer.

**ROBERT O. DOUGLAS '61**, of Tacoma, died May 7, 2008, of complications from prostate cancer. After graduating from CMC, Douglas worked as an operations control analyst for Aero-jet General. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in Pensacola, Fla., San Diego, San Francisco, and Owinawa, Japan, before taking a position as maritime reporter with the San Pedro News-Pilot.

**RONALD LEOS '67**, of Glendora, died April 15, of a heart attack. An American Indian from the Luiseno Tribe near Palm Springs, Leos moved with his family from a reservation to Azusa before settling in Glendora. While at CMC he was a dean's list student and played baseball and football. After graduation he worked as a sports writer for one year before taking a teaching position at Slauson Middle School in Azusa, then began teaching government at Citrus College, where he remained until retiring from full-time teaching in 2007. Leos, who earned his J.D. from the Western University School of Law in 1980, also was an attorney in private practice. His volunteer service included membership in the Glendora Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Glendora Chamber of Commerce; he also coached youth baseball and soccer. Leos is survived by his children, Mary-Kate and Rory, and his brother James.

**DAVID HETTLER '82**, of West Hills, died Feb. 27, of complications from brain cancer. He was executive vice president for worldwide finance and information technology at Warner Brothers Home Entertainment Group. A four-year varsity basketball player, upon graduating from CMC Hettler joined accounting firm Arthur Young, now Ernst & Young, earned his CPA, and rose to the position of senior manager. In 1993 he joined Warner Brothers. During his tenure at the Studio his responsibilities included oversight of financial activities for international theaters, theme parks, retail stores, and consumer products businesses, and serving as a member of the management team overseeing the implementation of Warner Bros.' SAP finance and procurement system worldwide. Hettler is survived by his wife, Sheri Halfon Hettler, and his children, Shane and Shelby. Donations may be made in his memory to the David Hettler Memorial Scholarship Fund at Claremont McKenna College, 400 North Claremont Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711.