

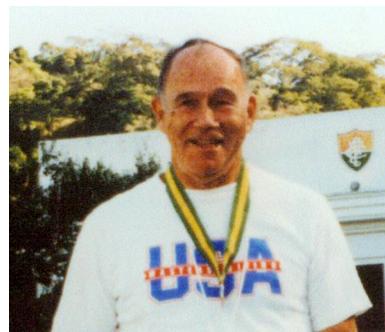
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Dr. Floyd Stauffer Passes Away Renaissance Man and Diving great was 96

Fort Lauderdale: Dr. Floyd “Dal” Stauffer, who was inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame in 2006, passed away in his sleep on May 3, 2013. He was 96 years old.

Throughout his life he sought out pools and platforms, often learning and watching from other divers. At the 1934 World's Fair, he was invited to be part of the diving exhibitions competing with the country's best divers. To pursue his interest in physiology, he joined the Navy Reserves but continued to compete throughout college in club and AAU regional competitions, diving on occasion with a then young Sammy Lee.



Upon his graduation, he was commissioned overseas near the end of the war. Upon his return to the US he began diving for the Navy becoming the All-Navy Diving Champion of 1947. After suffering a back injury, Dal realized that he must stop diving for his children's well-being – he could not risk being crippled. Fifteen years passed before he heard a local sportsman promote the idea of the Senior Olympics. With the family doing well and feeling healthy, he decided to join both swimming and diving – and wound up losing the swim to his senior, Buster Crabbe. However, he fared well in the diving event and began diving regularly. In 1974, Dal went to Texas for the first Masters diving meet. Since then, he participated as both a coordinator and diver for the fun of it.

Dal Stauffer competed in 20 FINA Masters World Championships and 49 USA Masters National Diving championship throughout eight age groups beginning with the 50-54 age group. At 89, Dr. Stauffer decided to “dive for history,” being the first to set a Master's diving record for a 90-year-old man. He embodied the heart and soul of diving where his contributions and legacy will long be remembered.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Stauffer, sons Jim (Sue) AND John (Kim) and daughters Dorothy Knight (John), Judi Saunders (Bob), and Janet Suzuki (Masa); grandchildren Dawn Marten (T.J.), Diane Saunders, Katherine Riech (Tim), Mary Owens (Aaron), Alison Riley (Dan), Jessica Stauffer and Jordan Stauffer and a grandson, Phoenix Riech.

Downey Patriot obituary <http://www.thedowneypatriot.com/article.do?id=17718106>

Read the tribute to this true Renaissance Man in the Congressional Record, read by the Honorable Lucille Toybal-Allard, in the House of Representatives on Thursday, June 6, 2013
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?r113:E06JN3-0046>: