



IN MEMORIAM



Morris D. Finkner

February 11, 1921 - November 23, 2008



Lion Morris D. Finkner, Professor Emeritus, of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away Sunday, November 23, 2008. He was born February 11, 1921 in Akron, CO, to A.G. (Ed) and Atha I. Roszell Finkner.

Lion Morris was the epitome of Lionism. He exemplified the motto of Lions, "We Serve." This gave the basis for his life: to help others. Lion Morris understood and practiced the philosophy of Lionism that service to others can be increased by pooling resources and the collective goodwill of many members and clubs acting together. He started his participation in Lions by joining the Las Cruces Lions Club in April 1964. Here he found the fellowship and camaraderie that many find in belonging to civic organizations. Lion Morris enjoyed being a Lion and was active in all aspects of Lionism. Attending meetings and club activities were important to him even after he retired. Although he was not able to do the things he did when he was younger, he still participated with his presence. Lion Morris recognized that being a Lion meant not only serving others in the community, but also taking leadership roles at the Club, District and state level. He served in various offices in the Las Cruces Lions Club and was President in 1968. In 1976-77, he was elected Governor of District 40M and served as Chair of the Multiple District 40 Council. In the spring of 1979 he organized the Sunrise Lions Club of Las Cruces and served as its Charter President. He continued his membership in this Club until his death. He served in many other offices in the Club including Treasurer which he did for many years.

Lion Morris was a friend of all of us, one that we will remember. He was modest and not one to "toot his own horn." In this biographical sketch, one of the items he wrote was: "How I would like to be remembered: As one whose modest contribution to society was sufficient to pay the rent for the space I occupied upon God's earth."

Lion Reldon Beck