

MALVIN WILLIAMS, M.D.

Mal, as his friends knew him, attended the, traditionally black, VA Union College in Richmond Virginia earning his BS degree in chemistry. At VA Union College he was on the debate team, which won national recognition during his tenure. He then attended Maharry Medical School, also traditionally black, in Nashville, Tennessee. It was there that he met his wife, Gladys, who was attending the RN program at the medical college. After graduating he joined the Navy, which landed him in San Diego, where he made his home upon his completion of service to his country. He and Gladys had three children, which they raised in San Diego, two boys and a girl.

Dr. Williams first started his practice with Dr. Raphael Tisdale, 1972 SDAFP President. After a couple of years, he went on to form Western Medical Group. Although he was a Family Physician, he had a special interest in pediatrics. He had privileges at Paradise Valley Hospital and served on the Pediatric Teaching staff at Mercy Hospital. He was an excellent physician and did many pediatric consults. Additionally, he was very involved in organized medicine. He was active in the San Diego Academy and served as President in 1978. Mal chaired the AAFP's Minority Affairs Committee in 1985-86, as well as serving as chairman for the CAFP's Minority Affairs Committee. He was involved in a wide range of community and professional organizations and activities and received a number of awards in recognition of his deep commitment to community issues. He was elected CAFP Secretary in 1985, and would have become the CAFP's first black president, not to answer any ideological agenda, but simply because he possessed the necessary qualities and experience for the job. He would have served us....very well!!

In a quote from the late Dr. Sam Smith "We knew Mal to be consistently cheerful, affable, and upbeat. If he said he'd do a job, our worries were over. We knew it would be done, done right, and on time." The night before his fatal MI, Mal and his wife, Gladys, were helping to host the Annual Symposium Faculty Dinner. He died on June 16, 1987.