



Remembering Robert "Bob" Harless

On January 5, 2010, health centers lost one of their biggest champions, Robert Harless. Mr. Harless passed away from complications of a malignant brain tumor at the age of 66.

A natural born leader and ardent supporter of health centers, Harless directed medical facilities throughout California, providing skillful leadership and direction through some of their most difficult times.

During his career, he served as board chairman of the Central Valley Health Network, president of the Board of directors for the California Primary Care Association, served as a member of the National Association of Community Health Centers, and was affiliated with the Medical Group Management Association.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Harless graduated from Serra Catholic Boys High School in San Mateo, California and enlisted in the Air Force, spending time in Vietnam, Thailand and March Air Force Base in Riverside, California. He then went on to receive a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration.

Known as a kind and fair man, Harless' personal and professional contributions will not be forgotten. Those who were fortunate enough to have known and worked with Harless will forever recall a talented and passionate individual who made a difference in the lives of others.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that contributions be made to the Naval Special Warfare Foundation at www.NSWFoundation.org.