FRANK INGALLS YULE
(1926–1961)

Frank Ingalls Yule, his wife Dolores Theresa, and their three children, Janice (8), Scott (5), and Barbara (3), died together in an automobile crash near Taft, California, on September 17, 1961, while returning home from a Sunday afternoon drive. The tragic death of Frank and his family was no ordinary disaster. The irreplaceable combination of warm friendliness, humor, vitality, devotion, and intellect which they as a family shared with all who knew them are gone, but will be a cherished memory.

Frank is survived by his father and mother, Charles and Hattie Yule, and his sister, Mrs. Jean Olson, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Dolores is survived by her mother, Mrs. Fritz Rowland, and her sister, Mrs. Elaine Nielson, of Indio, California.

Frank’s short years were productive and enjoyable ones. Born on October 18, 1926, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Frank grew up within the influence of an educated Protestant home. In his early life he learned the ways of out-of-door pleasures. Family summer vacations in the woods of Wisconsin fostered his love and interest in nature, rocks, and living creatures, qualities he embued in his own children. It was during these summer boyhood days that he first met his lovely wife, Dolores.

After high-school graduation in 1944, during World War II, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served as a Radarman with the Atlantic Fleet in Europe, Central and South America, and the West Indies. Discharged in 1946, he enrolled in the University of Wisconsin, married his childhood sweetheart, Dolores Theresa Henke, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in geology in 1950. Following graduation, the young couple ventured to California where Frank became an integral part of the petroleum industry. He hired on as a well-logger with Peter’s Logging Service Company before joining the staff of the Mobil Oil Company (formerly the General Petroleum Corporation) in 1952 at Ventura as a geologic scout and later geologist. Early in 1961, he and his family were transferred to Taft, California, where he was engaged in production geology.

Apart from his family, his three great loves were geology, politics, and golf. In the field of geology, Frank established himself as an able hand for his company and was an ambassador of good will to the petroleum industry. Frank contributed materially to his company’s interests in the exploration and development of the Saticoy and the Fillmore oil fields in Ventura County, California. His name was synonymous with oil scouting activities in the coastal basins of California. He served five years as a committee member of the California...