E. DAVID SHOOSHAN, DDS
PRESIDENT, AACB 1954-1955

Dr. E. David Shooshan was born on November 23, 1900 in Worcester, Massachusetts. He attended Pasadena City schools and graduated from Pasadena High School with honors. He attended the University of Southern California and graduated from the School of Dentistry with honors in 1923. He was engaged in the practice of dentistry in Pasadena for 50 years.

Besides maintaining a private practice, he was engaged in teaching for various Study Clubs, and gave numerous courses under the auspices of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. He was active in research on dental castings and the science of dental materials, devising new techniques that were used throughout the world. His principle teaching was in the form of live clinics for the fabrication of various dental restorations. He was also the author of many published articles and was heralded as an outstanding clinician. His publications in the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and the Journal of the Southern California State Dental Associations on the Full Veneer Cast Crown, Pinledge and Reverse Pin-Porcelain Restorations are considered classics.

“Dave” was a past president of the University of Southern California Alumni Association, past president and Charter Member of the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics, Honorary Member of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, Fellow of the International College of Dentists, and a Charter Member and Past President of C. A. I. C.

Dr. E. David Shooshan passed away Monday, July 21, 1975. He was eulogized in the Bulletin of the San Gabriel Valley Dental Association by several of his admiring students and colleagues whom he mentored relentlessly. Raymond Contino, DDS (AAFP President-1970) stated “he was a beautiful man ...who gave 100% to dentistry…. his contributions will remain as testimony to his greatness.” Peter K. Thomas, DDS wrote that “his career embellishes the ultimate in ability and finesse... he was the Michelangelo of Dentistry...what he did for me, personally and our great profession will never be forgotten.” Dr. Rex Ingraham stated that ...”Dr. David Shooshan ranks with the great clinicians of this century. The great impact he has had on the refining and standardization of cast gold procedures, his introduction of the synthetic pin techniques for fabrication of supplemental pin retention in gold castings and reverse pin facings changed the course of restorative therapy during the past two decades.”