Donald Irving Rivett

Donald Irving Rivett was born on Dec. 20, 1917 in Sacramento and first lived on Portola Way and later his family moved to 5th Ave., both in Curtis Park, which was called Curtis Oaks at that time.

Don attended Sierra School which is now Sierra 2 Center. Don attended Sutter Junior High School. He also attended Sacramento High School, Sacramento Junior College, and College of the Pacific (C.O.P), which is now University of the Pacific (U.O.P).

After serving with honors in WWII, Don returned to Sacramento and married Virginia Moore, whom he had known all his life because they grew up together in the Curtis Oaks neighborhood. All of Don's family: grandparents, parents, siblings, and his wife's parents and siblings all lived in the Curtis Park neighborhood.

Don was a fourth generation Sacramentan. His great grandfather arrived in Sacramento in 1849 and set up shop in what is now Old Sacramento, and his succeeding generations all resided in Sacramento. Don was involved in numerous local history groups. He was a member of the Sacramento Historic Landmarks Commission (and president of it for five years), the Sacramento County Historical Society, and the Sacramento Pioneer Association. Don retired as a supervisor for the Sacramento County Parks Department.

The Donald I Rivett name on the new park in Crocker Village would be a fitting tribute to a man who loved Curtis Park and Sacramento and dedicated thousands of hours working for the recognition and preservation of Sacramento history.