

OBITUARY

Dr. Frank O. Raasch, 53, a forensic pathologist, died at his home in San Diego on 22 March 1985 following a long illness. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and active in that organization until his illness. Dr. Raasch served as a guest reviewer for the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Frank was a career military pathologist with the Navy. He headed the pathology department at the Navy Research Unit in Cairo, Egypt. He received his training in forensic pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. From 1971 through 1976 he was the West Coast Navy pathologist when he was assigned to the Navy Hospital, San Diego.

He began working full time as a forensic pathologist in the San Diego County Coroner's Office in 1976. His expertise proved particularly valuable there in such incidents as the PSA aircraft accident in 1978. He also was an associate professor of pathology at the University of California San Diego College of Medicine.

Frank was a very creative individual. He was a gifted artist and musician. He was a good friend to many of us.