

June 13, 1923 - October 3, 2012



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Bill and Bobbie Johnson

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Bobbie and Bill both grew up in Indianapolis, IN where their families knew each other through their church. But it wasn't until Bill was home on leave from the Navy in WWII that he "noticed" Bobbie, who had grown up, and the romance began. They married in 1953, had four daughters, and now have eight grandchildren - four boys, four girls. Bobbie majored in Spanish at Indiana U. and then taught it in high school. Later she went back to school to get her RN at San Jose City College. Her hobbies are music - piano and singing - and she has been a choir director. She and Bill have lived in San Jose since 1954 and are very active in Saratoga Federated Church, having served on many medical missions together.

Bill attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL, served two years as a corpsman in the Navy, then went to Northwestern U. Medical School. He spent five years in residency as a surgeon at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Then he was recalled to service and went with the US Army to MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) hospitals - one year in Korea and one year in Japan where Bobbie joined him. After that they settled in San Jose where he started a surgical practice. When he brought in partners, he was able to get away to serve many weeks and months on medical missions in Bolivia, Belize, Honduras, Ecuador, Comorro Islands, Philippines, Thailand, Taiwan, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique. The Johnsons spent a total of three years in Kenya where their daughters went to the Rift Valley Academy for missionary children. They have made 28 trips to Albania for which Bill organized teams of up to 15 doctors, gathered medical supplies and had Bobbie's able assistance as an RN.

The family also loved to snow ski and water ski. Three of their daughters now live in Oregon and one lives in Sonoma, CA.

Bill and Bobbie are now living in Assisted Living.

Bill passed away on October 3, 2012.