



Bill Evitt 12/9/23 to 3/2/09

Bill was born and raised in rural Maryland, adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay. He was educated as a geologist at Johns Hopkins U., Baltimore. During WWII he served for two years in western China with the Fourteenth Air Force as an aerial photo interpreter. He enjoyed many off-duty walks through the remote countryside, observing the simple life in the numerous small villages. After the war he finished his PhD at Johns Hopkins, and then spent six years teaching and doing research in geology-paleontology at the U. of Rochester, NY, where he met his wife Gisela. He went on to Tulsa, OK as a research geologist for an oil company. In 1962 he joined the faculty of Stanford U. as a paleontologist. His work took them on many trips to Europe, and they also enjoyed hiking and backpacking in the Sierra.

After retiring he developed a keen interest in textiles, helping his wife design textile patterns on the computer. They also planted and tended our wonderful rose garden which is dedicated to the Evitts.

They raised three sons and have five grandsons.