



Bob McGuire

July 18, 1918 to May 29-2017

Bob was born in Fresno, CA. He enrolled at Stanford in 1937 but after a year moved to San Francisco and worked in a liquor, deli and grocery for two years on the fringe of the tenderloin where he received a very liberal education. He then went to work for Grinnell Co., a nationwide manufacturer of industrial products. He was drafted into the Army in 1941, trained at Fort Ord and was sent to Alaska. He went on to OCS at Ft. Benning, GA, and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was assigned to the 104th Infantry Division and saw action in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. His medals included the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster and Silver Star. Discharged in 1945, he returned to Grinnell in San Francisco where he met Jessie, who was serving as an Army nurse. They were married in 1946 after she was discharged. They lived in Belmont, CA for 10 years where they raised two daughters. They now have two granddaughters and two great grandsons.

The family moved to Saratoga in 1960 where they lived for 45 years. Bob retired in 1975, but after 14 months, he started a wholesale distribution of waterworks materials in Santa Clara, servicing utilities, municipalities and underground contractors. After 15 years Bob turned the business over to one of his daughters and retired again.

Bob and Jessie owned a place at Lake Tahoe for 34 years where they enjoyed skiing in winter. They also skied at many resorts in the US and Canada and at St. Moritz, Switzerland. After they gave up skiing, they exchanged the Tahoe place for a condo at Poipu Beach on Kauai where they spent at least a month for each of the past 12 years. They also traveled extensively, usually as independent travelers, but also on tours with Stanford Alumni and Smithsonian. Jessie died on Dec. 27, 2007.