



**Ellsworth Welch      4/9/20 - 9/26/09**

Ells was born and raised in Long Beach, CA. He graduated from Long Beach Community College before majoring in chemistry at UC Berkeley. He served in the Navy for four years during WWII in Anti-Submarine Warfare in the Pacific on the destroyer USS Johnston. It was sunk during the battle of Samar, which was part of the liberation of the Philippines. He was then assigned to another destroyer as the Executive Officer. He met his wife Jackie at Cal and they were married in 1947. After the war he attended Stanford University where he got his master's and doctoral degrees. They moved to Saratoga in 1949 when he taught chemistry at Los Gatos High School for 37 years. They had three children who went along when Ells taught in England in 1962-3 on a Fulbright fellowship at the London College of Printing. In 1976-7 Ells and Jackie did another Fulbright exchange at Lewes Priory School in Sussex and lived in the village of Denton on the English Channel coast. Ells also has a long standing interest in music and several of his compositions have been performed by Performing Arts Societies.