

Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel

Edward David Barry

(September 25, 1925 - January 22, 2014)

ED PASSED PEACEFULLY AWAY AT HIS REDDING HOME SURROUNDED BY HIS WIFE, HIS FOUR CHILDREN AND SON-IN-LAW.

ED WAS BORN IN ERIE, PA, THE YOUNGEST OF THREE CHILDREN. HIS FATHER'S OCCUPATION REQUIRED MOVES TO KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, RICHMOND, VA, AND THEN A RETURN TO ERIE WHERE HE MET ELEANOR, HIS WIFE OF 64 YEARS.

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE PLAYED VARSITY TENNIS AND BASEBALL, HE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS.



FOLLOWING MILITARY SERVICE ED STUDIED MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT AND MARRIED ELLIE HIS SENIOR YEAR. UPON GRADUATING HE RETURNED TO ERIE AND STARTED HIS FAMILY AND BEGAN A CAREER IN ENGINEERING AND CORPORATE SALES. FREQUENT BUSINESS TRAVEL AND SEVERAL CROSS COUNTRY MOVES RESULTED IN THE FAMILY LOCATING TO LOS ALTOS, CA IN 1960, THEN IN 1966 TO LEXINGTON, MA, AND SEVERAL YEARS LATER BACK AGAIN TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. THIS MADE FOR A BUSY, WONDERFUL AND EXCITING LIFE.

UPON RETIRING, AND FINDING THE FAMILY NEST EMPTY OF CHILDREN, ED AND ELLIE MOVED TO RANCHO MURIETA WHERE THEY ENJOYED MANY FULFILLING YEARS OF GOLF, GOOD FRIENDS AND FAMILY VISITS. TRAVEL, EXPERIENCING DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, THE GEOGRAPHY AND CULTURE, MEETING PEOPLE, MUSIC, FOOD, LAUGHTER AND DANCE PLAYED A LARGE PART IN HIS ZEST FOR LIFE. VACATIONS AT TIMES WOULD INCLUDE THE WHOLE FAMILY; OTHER TIMES SHARING TRIPS WITH ELLIE, OCCASIONS WITH ONE OR SEVERAL OF HIS CHILDREN, THEIR SPOUSE AND BELOVED GRANDDAUGHTERS. TRIPS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO, HAWAII, THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND EUROPE, ALONG WITH VISITING RELATIVES IN ERIE AND ATTENDING WEDDINGS ENRICHED HIS LIFE. SEVERAL FAMILY VACATIONS SPENT HOUSE BOATING IN THE LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S ON SHASTA LAKE ALLOWED THE FAMILY TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE REDDING AREA.

ED AND ELLIE MOVED TO REDDING IN 2000 TO BE NEAR THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS. ED'S FAVORITE PLACES AND ACTIVITIES WERE VISITING YOSEMITE WITH HIS FAMILY, SPENDING TIME WITH ELLIE, HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDDAUGHTERS, TRAVEL AND SIGHTSEEING. ED WAS VERY SOCIAL AND SANG WITH THE REDDING RIVERSIDE CHORUS, WAS AN AVID LIFELONG GOLFER AND MEMBER OF THE ELK'S. THE FRIENDSHIPS HE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS AND WHILE LIVING IN REDDING WERE MANY, AND THESE FRIENDSHIPS, ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY MEANT THE WORLD TO HIM.

ED IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ELEANOR, AND DAUGHTERS COLLEEN AND EILEEN WHO WITH THEIR HUSBANDS DON AND KEN LIVE IN REDDING. SON ED JR. LIVES WITH HIS WIFE SABINE IN SONORA, SON DANIEL LIVES IN SEATTLE, AND GRANDDAUGHTERS SIMONE, PEARL AND PAULINA RESIDE IN BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON.

ED'S FINAL RESTING PLACE WILL BE IN THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS CEMETERY WITH A SERVICE TO BE HELD THIS SPRING.

PLEASE SIGN THE GUESTBOOK.

ARRANGEMENTS HANDLED THROUGH ALLEN & DAHL FUNERAL CHAPEL IN REDDING (243-1525).

