



William Wesley Delaney

October 26, 1919 - March 15, 2014

William Wesley "Bill" Delaney passed away March 15, 2014 in Napa, California, at A Hidden Knoll care facility. Bill was born on October 26, 1919 in Oakland, California to Benjamin Franklin Delaney and Laphrona "Frona" Stallings Delaney. Bill spent his early years in Lake County, where he was a well regarded football running back and baseball catcher. Bill continued to be an avid sports fan his entire life, rooting faithfully for the 49'ers and Giants. It was playing drums, however, a skill learned from his father that became Bill's lifelong passion. Bill played drums professionally for decades with various bands around the Bay Area, eventually creating his own "Bill Delaney Trio". The Trio played the Napa Senior Center Tuesday dances for years. Bill was able to accompany any type of music: Jazz, Latin, Country, and even a little Rock, but Big Band was his all time favorite. He played well into his nineties with trademark flair, even entertaining fellow residents at Concordia Manor where he lived for four years. Bill also loved oil painting and had a unique "Naif" style. Bill was working in a downtown Napa shoe store in the early 1940's when he met Vera Brewer, his first wife and mother of his four children. Bill was also employed at Mare Island in the 1950's for several years, and played drums in the Mare Island Naval Shipyard Band. Bill is survived by four children: Patricia Owen (Sam) of Utah, Robert Delaney and Richard Delaney of Napa, and Kathleen Delaney Niccolai (Franco) of Italy, six grandchildren, Dan Breit (Terri) of Napa, Don Breit of Colorado, Dale Breit of Oregon, Andrea Kingsford (Randy) of Napa, Amy Clark of New York City, and Darren Breit

(Ayumi) of Oxnard. Seven great-grandchildren survive Bill : Adam Breit, Aidan Kingsford, Emma, Alek, and Haley Breit, Stephan Breit, and Nina and Kai Breit. Bill leaves behind his special lady friend Babs Fitzgerald of Walnut Creek. Nephew Seth Delaney, niece Jeannie Delaney Dantine, and cousin Marie Bowen had very special places in Bill's heart. Bill was predeceased by his brother Robert Franklin Delaney, and his beloved wife of 23 years Kathryn Greathouse Delaney. The family wishes to thank Bill's caregivers over the last 5 years at Villa Del Rey, Concordia Manor, A Hidden Knoll, and the Napa Valley Hospice for their compassionate attention.

Service:

Napa, CA

No services are planned.

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November 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM