



William "Bill" Joseph Herlocker

November 19, 1936 - August 27, 2024

William "Bill" was born in Topeka Kansas to Kermit and Florence (Doll) Herlocker, the family moved to Vallejo in 1941.

Bill attended St Vincent's Catholic School and graduated in 1954. He played a variety of sports in high school and made some lifelong friends. After high school, he attended Vallejo Jr College 1955/56, then transferred to UC Berkeley graduated in 1957, then on to pharmacy school of USF and graduated in 1960.

Bill was in the Air national guard from 1960-1966, as an Airman First Class, based out of Hayward Ca, he traveled to Alaska, Savannah, Panama, Tucson and many more places on sea planes.

In June 1962 after a two-year courtship, Bill married Joan Arata and became an honorary Italian.

He worked as a Pharmacist at Tennessee Pharmacy, Smiling Sam's, Longs Drugs, and then opened his own pharmacy in Fairfield Ca, Ideal Drugs on North Texas St. He then opened Medical Clinic Pharmacy on Empire St in which he ran until he sold the store to Safeway in 2004 and retired shortly thereafter.

Bill loved to fish, hunt, hang glide, play tennis, and bocce ball was an avid golfer. He traveled with his Green Valley golf buddies to Scotland and many US courses, with his friends and their wives, Lee Gile, Frank Taft, Jim Moelk, Bill Harrison. Lee continued to visit Bill every week until his passing in August.

A special thank you to the Paradise Valley caregivers and nurses.

Bill survived by his wife Joan of 62 years, three daughters Terri (Dave) Mikolajewski, Vickie (Jeff) Wilson and Kelly (John) Latimer, six grandchildren Lauren Braun, Jack Wilson, Olivia Wilson, Julia Latimer, Claire Latimer, Emily Latimer and two great grandchildren Cameron and Jack. He was also survived by one sister and two brothers Sally Gerlach, Bob, and Danny Herlocker.

He was preceded in death by his brother Tom Herlocker (2007).

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Green Valley Country Club, 35 Country Club Dr., Fairfield, CA on Friday, Oct 4, 2024 at 12:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation to be made to Cornea Research Foundation of America 9002 N Meridian St #222 Indianapolis IN 46260 (cornea.org)

Cremation and arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Rockville Cemetery

4219 Suisun Valley Rd.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 12:30 PM (PT)

Green Valley Country Club
35 Country Club Dr.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Tribute Wall

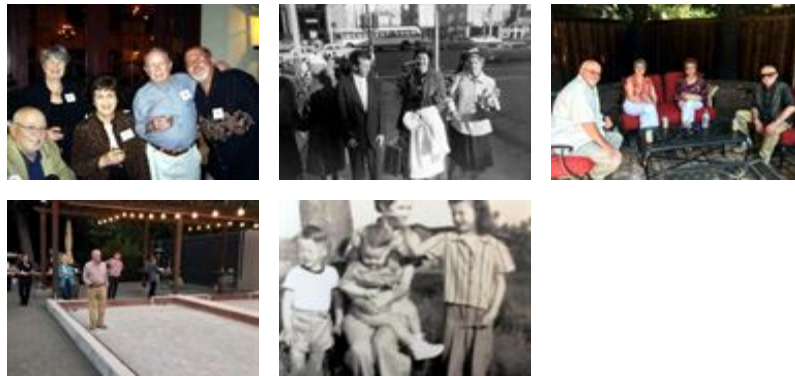
KO

“ I remember Bill as a quiet teenager. His mom, Doll, and my dad, Butch O'Connor, were siblings. Our families spent all holidays together which always included our grandpa, Pat O'Connor. We had fun times playing games and running outside. These are my memories that I cherish. God bless your families, always.
Kay O'Connor

Kay O'Connor - November 25, 2024 at 03:41 PM



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BM

I worked with Bill at Long's Drugs in the early 1970's. We played a lot of golf together. I watched his game improve and grow, while mine just stagnated. Our family spent many hours with Bill and Joan and their beautiful girls. Bill was the proverbial "great guy." I miss him.

Bob Marconi - December 17, 2024 at 10:08 PM

DH

“ *Condolences to the family...Many memories of great conversations with Bill...always time for for a chat! Dan Horan*

Dan Horan - September 09, 2024 at 02:51 AM

EL

Bill was a wonderfull pharmacist to work with back in the Fairfield Medical Group days and all around nice guy - my thoughts and prayers are with the family at this sad time

Ed Levin

edward levin - September 20, 2024 at 12:50 AM