

Celebrating the Life of Bob Good

Robert James Good passed August 13th, 2021 after a long and rewarding life. Born in Oroville, CA on June 8th, 1932 he grew up in Susanville and graduated from Lassen High School. He went on to Cal Berkeley, became a member of the Chi Phi fraternity, and earned a BS in business in 1954. He then joined the Army as a lieutenant and proudly served in the counter intelligence corp (CIC) in Stuttgart.

In 1958 he and Ginger married and, soon after, moved to Glendale, AZ where he attended Thunderbird School learning Spanish and earning a second Bachelors, this time in Foreign Trade. He fathered Alison '59, Kira '61, Eric '62, and Devin '65 while working in San Francisco real estate. After the army and a stint at General Motors, he never lost sight of his goal to be financially independent and his own boss. For that reason and despite the odds against him, he applied to, and was accepted at, USF's School of Law, which he attended nights earning his Juris Doctorate in 1972. All this while working full time as an American Savings loan agent and being an attentive husband and father of four young kids. He passed the bar (on his first try!) and, soon after, the entire family began to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

At the time, we lived in Burlingame where Bob personally remodeled the kitchen, two baths (his work was featured in Sunset Magazine) and built two additional decks. In 1976 Bob joined his friend in a south bay law practice and moved the family to Saratoga. His first project, with his sons, was to remodel and add on to the property's guest cottage, renting it for the princely sum of \$400 per month!

In 1983 Bob retired and, always creative and eager to take on new challenges, became our personal chef. His meals were legendary and he took great pride in the food he served family and friends. Never complacent to rest on his laurels, he took on the new rewarding hobby of oil painting and, as with most everything Bob set his mind to, became an amazing artist. His work decorates our homes in Saratoga and Santa Cruz, as well as the homes of many family and friends.

In 1989 he purchased a GMC motorhome, we joined their club, made many new friends and travelled to many places including the National Parks, Canada, and Mexico. Bob enjoyed other travels, as well. The first overseas adventure was exchanging our home with a family from Winchester, England (including a dog and car). Other trips included the European Continent, Africa, South East Asia, Israel, India, Turkey, Russia, China (twice) Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Central and South America and, of course, wonderful North America.

While you admire his painting of the Golden Gate Bridge know that he said, just this month, that he was going to meet "old friends in the great beyond". He passed away peacefully on his own terms at home, surrounded by the people and things he loved most. He is survived by Ginger, his wife of 63 years, his four children and son-in-law, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren who thank him for his kindness, knowledge, humor, and the love he gave us.