



William Dowds

March 1, 1918 - September 9, 2009

Born March 18, 1918 and died September 9, 2009 at the age of 91. Bill would have been fascinated with these dates because he was an avid numbers guy. He passed away at home the way he lived his life, quietly and with a sense of humor. Worked as an electronics engineer for the U.S. Navy. He was proud of working on huge aircraft carriers like the USS Oriskany and the USS Enterprise (not the one on Star Trek, although Star Trek was his favorite TV program). Throughout his life, he pursued varied interests: golf, chess, and ocean fishing. At the age of 90 he decided to learn Spanish to keep his mind sharp and would never travel anywhere without his ?libro?. A San Francisco native, Bill grew up in the Richmond District near China Beach. In an era before television, he had happy memories of clambering down the cliffs and swimming in the ocean waters with his two brothers, Jim and Robert. As a youngster he was building crystal radio sets and he loved learning new things and was always reading. Bill met Nancy Corritore at a dance at the Avalon Ballroom. He fell in love with her beauty and her Italian love of life, and they stayed married for 68 full years. Born of Irish immigrants, John Dowds and Mary Ahern Dowds. Husband of Nancy Dowds. Father of Michael James Dowds and Carol Anne Coburn. Grandfather of Michelle Dowds, Jennifer Joe, and Heather Budgin. Bill was a man of few words, but when he spoke, people listened---because those words were intelligent and witty. He will be greatly missed. Visitations: 5:00PM to 9:00PM on Saturday, September 12th, 2009 at Valente Marini Perata & Co. (map/driving directions) 9:00AM to 9:00PM on

Sunday, September 13th, 2009 at Valente Marini Perata & Co. Funeral Directors (map/driving directions) Services: 4:00PM at Valente Marini Perata & Co. on Sunday, September 13th, 2009 (map/driving directions) 10:30AM at St. Cecilia Church on Monday, September 14th, 2009 (map/driving directions) Cemetery: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery 1500 Mission Road Colma, CA 94014 (map/driving directions)