



Ben Thompson Jr.

November 27, 1926 - August 29, 2015

Ben Thompson Jr., 88, of Benicia passed away Saturday at his home following a long illness. He was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and was very proud of his "Okie" heritage. Ben joined the U.S.Navy when he was 16, served in World War II from 1944-1946, and devoted 38 years to his career at PG&E, retiring as a manager in 1986.

During his happiest moments, he could be found singing to his favorite music, gardening, cheering on the San Francisco 49ers, and expanding his knowledge of trains, by which he was always fascinated. He was known to his grandchildren as Papa Ben and will be remembered by them for his great story telling. Ben never met a stranger, and left people happier than when he found them.

Ben is survived by his wife Elsie; daughters Leslie Bettinelli, Kathy Thompson, Kim (Tony) Barragan and Carole (Clay) Parker; sisters Doris Ann (Bill) Ruhl-Robertson and Reba (Bud) Stienbeck; grandchildren Justin Bettinelli, Kyndra Alspaugh, Ryan, Desiree & Kaitlyn Collins, Emily & Kellie Barragan, and Leann Mikesh and Jessica Hopkins; great-grandchildren Dylan, Daniel & Dawson Bettinelli, Ashley Henning, Andrew and Bradley Mikesh.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 2, at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will be private. Visitation will be at the

mortuary after 9:00 a.m. Wednesday. Family prefers donations in his name be made to to UCSF Helen Diller Cancer Center.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ben Thompson Jr.*

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“ *What can I say about Ben. He was one of my best customers whom I learned to love over the years. He adored his wife Elsie and his family.*

He would come in for his haircuts and say well I got my ears lowered, now I'm good for another 3000 miles and I'd say, Ben, only 2000, you know how Elsie is and we'd laugh. I'm certainly going to miss him. RIP Ben

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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben Thompson Jr..*



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