



## Bill L. Talbert

November 29, 1928 - November 7, 2012

Bill L. Talbert, 83, passed away suddenly Wednesday in a local hospital. He was born to John and Edna Talbert in Cherryvale, Kansas on November 29, 1928.

The early years of Bill's life were hard times of the Depression. His father became ill with tuberculosis and was sent to a hospital in Norton, Kansas. The children of the family lived a time with their grandparents on a farm in Independence, Kansas and then they were split up. At the age of 17 he joined the Army and went to Europe to fight in WWII. When he came back from the war he settled in San Francisco and went to work for Lutz Tire Co. which later relocated to Benicia. Bill moved to Benicia in 1978. He worked for Lutz for 28 years before retiring as Vice President many years ago. Bill was an animal lover and was very active in The Cat Fanciers Association, producing cat shows and showing prize winning cats for over 30 years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Karen; stepsons, John Metzler II and Paul Metzler; sister Carolyn Hutchison; son Patrick Talbert; grandchildren Charles, Katie & Megan and his beloved cats, LJ and Tiger. Bill was preceded in death by his daughter, Roxanne, his brothers Dick, Joe, Gary and Jerry.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Family prefers donations in Bill's name to be made to the Friends of the Animals at [www.friendsoftheanimals.com](http://www.friendsoftheanimals.com).

org. Arrangements are under the direction of Passalacqua Funeral Chapel,  
Benicia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill L. Talbert*

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