



William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr.

May 24, 1930 - February 23, 2016

William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr., 85, resident of Benicia, passed away on February 23, 2016 in the Martinez VA following a long illness. He was born on May 24th, 1930 in Kent, Ohio to parents Thomas F. Earp and Mary Jane Adams.

His family moved to the Bay Area in 1946 and to Benicia in 1947. Bill went to sea as a Merchant Seaman until being drafted in the US Army during the Korean War. Following his service he worked at the Yuba Mfg. Co., the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet, and the Benicia Arsenal until he took a position as a Staff Administrator for US Army Reserve centers in the Bay Area until his retirement in 1983. He then worked for Cal-Bay at the Benicia docks for a number of years.

William retired as a Sargent Major with the US Army following 33 yrs. of service. He also earned a BA in Law from Lasalle Extension University in Chicago.

He leaves his loving wife of 62 years, Marie Precour, and is survived by his four children: Colleen Stagg, William Earp, Jr., Brian Earp and Lisa Falcon, and four grandchildren: Ryan, Erin, Amy and Nathan and loving family members Bo, Mark, JoAnn and Jeff. He leaves two brothers: Jim of Reno and Paul (Shirley) of Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Bill enjoyed history, traveling, playing pinochle, and building and restoring his Army Jeep made from scrap parts. He was a long time member of St. Dominic's Parish in Benicia where he served on the Finance Committee for a number of years, and was a member of the 11am choir for over 40 years. He was also a life member of VFW Post #3928, Benicia and Vinyes Council #16 Young Men's Institute.

William was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Thomas, Gerard, Michael and Peter.

Vigil services will be held 7:00 p.m. Sunday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday at St. Dominic's Church followed by a burial with Military Honors at St. Dominic's Cemetery, East Fifth and Hillcrest Ave, Benicia. Visitation will be at the mortuary after 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Donations may be made to St. Dominic's Church, or your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Bill Sr. was such a wonderful man. Every time I saw him, he was friendly, welcoming and kind. My life is better because he was in it.*

Mr. Earp (since it still seems strange to me to address a former teacher in any other way), my sincere condolences to you, your wonderful mother, and your entire family.

*With love, respect and gratitude,
Melanie Smock*

Melanie Smock - February 29, 2016 at 06:01 PM



“ *Tamara, Kevin, Sidney, Miles & Nic purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr..*



Tamara, Kevin, Sidney, Miles & Nic - February 28, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr..*



February 27, 2016 at 04:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr..*



February 26, 2016 at 06:30 PM



“ *Paul, Shirley & Marty purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr..*



Paul, Shirley & Marty - February 26, 2016 at 02:09 PM



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Bo - February 25, 2016 at 05:41 PM

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“ Shirley & Jim Duncan, The Forrest Family & The Clarke Family purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr..



Shirley & Jim Duncan, The Forrest Family & The Clarke Family - February 25, 2016 at 05:38 PM

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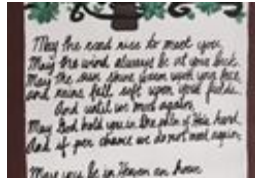
“ Marie & Family thoughts & prayers for all at this difficult time in the loss of Bill. Rest In Peace Bill



Carol King - February 25, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - February 25, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ *Brian Mullady lit a candle in memory of William H. "Bill" Earp, Sr.*



Brian Mullady - February 25, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Bill Earp was one of the most wonderful men I have ever known. Honed in the Korean War and an early career at sea, Bill epitomized the kind of person who made America great. He was also a devout Catholic in the best sense of the word and a good father to his children. He helped me a lot to become a more mature man when I was young and was always a good and loyal friend. They sadly do not make men like him anymore. It was a honor to have known him and to be friends all these years with him and Marie. May he rest on peace with the Christ whom he loved so much while on earth. They broke the mold with him.*

Fr. Brian Mullady

Brian Mullady - February 25, 2016 at 09:28 AM