



Vincent Wessley Mirko

August 4, 1925 - October 16, 2008

Vincent was born to Vincent A. Mirko and Helen Mildred (Nice) of Oakland, CA. They called him Sunny Boy. He was orphaned by age five and was raised by an uncle and aunt, Gus and Helen Franks. He enjoyed growing up in the Millsmont area of Oakland and during retirement started the Millsmont Cultural Society.

He joined the Marines at age 17 during World War II and was stationed on Bougainvillea Island. Once a Marine - always a Marine, he stayed loyal as a lifetime member of the VFW. After his honorable discharge he worked for Southern Pacific Railways as a fireman and later Lockheed. While living in Oakland he met and married the girl of his dreams, Deloris Petersen of Turlock. With a little nest of their own they started a family that later grew to four. They later moved to Fremont, CA where he started his long career as a computer engineer working for IBM, Memorex, and Unisys. He helped create the prototype of the first computer floppy disc. At an early age he became a Mason and stayed a member for over 50 years.

After retiring he and Deloris moved back to her hometown, Turlock. He wrote a memoir of his life entitled Grandpa Says and started Millsmont Publishing. He loved staying in touch with friends from his passed and was devoted to his family, especially his beloved wife of sixty years, Deloris. Music was always a part of his life and he enjoyed listen, playing and singing. Family times were always filled with music.

Mirko is survived by his wife Deloris, his children Michael Mirko of Turlock, David and Geri Mirko of Payson AZ, and Helene and Dwight Lee of Modesto. He was preceded in death by his delightful daughter, Stephanie. He leaves behind ten Grandchildren, Daniel Hubbell, Carrie Hubbell, Diane Hubbell, Christina Lee, Miles Mirko, Kristi Mirko, Kori Beth Weiss, Jonathan Mirko, David Mirko II, and Emily Mirko. Grandpas great-grandchildren include, Sabrina Hubbell, Devon Hubbell, Gavin Weiss and Felicity Weiss.

Services will be held 11:00AM, Saturday October 25, 2008 at Turlock Funeral Home Chapel with a graveside service immediately following the service. Mirko requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ Vincent Wessley Mirko

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