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**Willis R. "Bill" Blodgett**

April 16, 1919 - September 8, 2007

Bill passed away quietly in Tucson, AZ from complications arising from his ongoing battle with cancer. He was born in Canaan, CT, and was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Violet Briggs Blodgett; brother, Paul Blodgett; sisters, Marlan Blodgett and June Liberty; and son, Neil Blodgett.

In his younger years, he was a high ski jumper, ice skater, sang in Radio City Music Hall in the company of the Rockettes. Bill served in WWII as a Staff Sergeant in the Infantry, 32nd Division in the Philippine Islands and Japan, and received multiple medals of honor. After the war, he lived in FL, TX and then Tucson, AZ. Bill was a salesman for Paulin Motor Company for 15 years and then worked as a real estate agent for Tucson Realty and Prudential Realty for many years.

Survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters Laura Gillespie of CO, and Rise (Al) Cornelio; son, Nathan; step-son, Mark Holmes, all of Tucson; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. At Bill's request there will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society.

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