



Woodrow G. Frailing

November 8, 1918 - October 8, 2007

Woodrow (Woody) George Frailing was born on November 8, 1918 to Mary and Henry Frailing in Iron River, Michigan. Woody died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 88 from heart disease and Alzheimer's in Tucson, Arizona on October 8, 2007.

He grew up in Iron River, Michigan and then attended the University of Michigan graduating in 1941 with a degree in mechanical engineering with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Upon graduation, he was immediately called to active duty in the US Army. He was assigned to the 83rd Ordnance and served in the Philippines, Australia, and Japan. He was discharged in 1946 after having been promoted to the rank of Major.

On February 16, 1946, Woody married Marjorie Webb from Crystal Falls, Michigan in Santa Barbara, California. After residing in Santa Barbara for a short time, they moved to Taft, California where he was employed by Standard Oil Company of California as a petroleum engineer. Eventually, he was transferred to La Habra, California and then to New York City.

During his career, he traveled extensively to Indonesia and Libya. Woody and Marjorie retired in Oceanside, California. For over 20 years, Woody and Marge enjoyed a wonderful retirement where he spent many days on the golf course with his buddies. He also liked to learn new things and when personal computers became popular, it did not take him long to master the new technology.

He is survived by his wife of over 61 years, Marjorie Frailing of Tucson, Arizona; son, John Frailing (Maria Arevalo) of Modesto, California; and daughters, Barbara Knopp (Greg) of Beaverton, Oregon, Beth Cullumber (Steve) of Tucson, Arizona, and Carol Crocker (Bob) of Santa Monica, California. He is also survived by his sister, Eleanor Pravel (Chuck) of Lake Havasu; and five grandchildren, Scott and Jason DeJong, Elena and Monica Frailing and Christopher Crocker as well as his sisters-in-law, Cecilia Frailing and Addie Frailing plus many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, LeRoy Frailing, Everett Frailing, Bob Frailing and sister, Jean Frailing.

Woody was a very intelligent, fair, patient, kind, gentle, and generous person. He was a family man who not only enjoyed his family but the many friends he made throughout his life. He enjoyed golfing, dancing, cribbage, exercise classes, vacations, and socializing. The last three years of his life he enjoyed living at The Fountains Retirement Community and Campana Del Rio Assisted Living Community in Tucson, AZ with his wife Marjorie.

A memorial Rosary was held at Campana Del Rio on October 25th. Tax deductible remembrances can be made in Woody's name to: Iron County Community Hospital, c/o United Home Care (Hospice), 1400 West Ice Lake Road, Iron River, Michigan 49935.

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