



Milton Howard Hobel

was born on October 31, 1922 in Buffalo, New York to John and May Hobel, their third of four sons. Milt passed away on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Milt was a wonderful man. He was kind, thoughtful, very generous and unfailingly considerate. He was fun-loving and had a very playful spirit. He loved riding his horses and enjoyed the outdoors - especially fishing and golf. He loved the beach, red wine, a good card game, chocolate chip cookies and funny stories. Most of all, he loved his family. Milt and his wife, Jean celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary last April. He was a source of wisdom and encouragement to his two daughters and his four grandchildren. Milt was very sentimental. Anyone who entered his home would see dozens of photographs of friends and family, many cards and numerous drawings and works of art from his grandchildren. Milt served his country in the United States Army. He was in the European theater and Northern Africa during World War II. His military record was notable - both in the length of service, over five years, and his achievements as a marksman. During his memorial service, he was accorded full military honors. Milt's career was also impressive. Shortly after the war, he started with the phone company in western New York. His early days were spent climbing poles, in all seasons, including the harsh, snowy winters of Buffalo, New York. It was during this time, he met a dark-haired dynamo named Jean Schmidt. Milt and Jean were married in Buffalo, New York on April 17, 1948. Milt was tired of being cold and his new bride was the adventurous type.

So the two packed up their Buick and headed out to Tucson, Arizona in 1950. They never looked back. Milt loved the hot, dry Arizona weather. His career with Mountain Bell thrived. After several years in Tucson, he was transferred to San Manuel. Two years later, Milt was moved to Nogales and promoted to Regional Manager. He often looked back at the ten years in Nogales as some of the happiest times of his life. He returned to Tucson in 1973 as Southern Arizona Customer Service Manager. Milt retired in 1980 after more than 34 years of service to Mountain Bell. Milt was very involved in several service organizations. He was an active member of the Telephone Pioneers of America since 1967 and President of the Santa Catalina Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America in 1976-1977, a life-time member of the Elks Club and very active in the Rotary Club. Milt was an expert rifleman and held the office of President in the Telephone Men's Gun Club in 1957. Milt also received the Flotilla Commander's Award from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, 11th District, in 1987. Milt was active in the political process and generously volunteered many hours during local, state and national elections. After he retired, Milt and Jean traveled extensively. Not all their trips were international. Many were to California and Florida to visit their daughters and be on hand to welcome the arriving grandchildren. Milt taught his grandchildren many skills, including how to fly a kite, the proper way to eat an Oreo cookie, how to ride a bike and the fine art of poker. Milt will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Milt is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Karen Hobel Largman; son-in-law, Chip Largman; daughter, Patricia Tygret; son-in-law, Kyle Tygret; grandchildren, Magenta, Kayte, Grayson and Juliette; sisters-in-law, Ada Hobel, Elly Hobel, Carol Mirando; brother-in-law, Michael Mirando and many nieces and nephews. Happy trails.

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