



Charles Warren Raibley

November 26, 1922 - December 25, 2022

Charles Warren Raibley, peacefully passed away in his sleep Christmas Day, December 25, 2022. Charles was born to Charles Michael Raibley and Lucene Brown Raibley in his family home at the corner of Linwood and Caldwell, Visalia, Ca. on November 26, 1922. He was 100 years and 1 month young, and what an adventurous life he had.

He grew up attending Linwood Elementary School, Visalia High School (now known as Redwood HS in June 1940, and College of the Sequoias graduating with the first house building class of June 1942. After graduating from COS at the age of 19, he left the Central Valley to look for my viable work opportunities.

World War II broke out the end of 1941 and he joined the US Coast Guard where he was assigned to a troop ship that took him around the world. He was discharged November 21, 1945.

Near the end of his 3 year stint in the Coast Guard, he married Dorothy Griswold August 13, 1944. They had 2 children together. They settled in San Jose, where he remained for 70 years. He worked at several construction companies prior to creating his own Industrial Steel Door Manufacturing Company in the Bay Area. His expertise in life was building his own equipment of Roll Forming Machinery to produce Industrial Steel Doors in the

San Francisco Bay Area. He ran his company for approximately 50 years. Charles was totally dedicated to his business and his customers. In his free time, Charles enjoyed sailing along the California Coast. He was a member of the Elk Horn Yacht Club of Moss Landing, CA. He also loved flying. He earned his private pilot license and bought a 1947 Luscomb. He would take his plane up as often as he could, maintaining his license and flying until the age of 90.

In March of 2020 (at the beginning of Covid) we realized he was no longer able to live alone. We brought him back to Visalia to live with his son and daughter-in-law. We kept him safe with us until his physical needs were beyond our abilities. He was placed under the care of Kindred Hospice a week prior to transferring him to TLC Assisted Living for Seniors.

He is preceded in death by his only sister, Charlotte Brown.

He is survived by his two children, Marilyn DeMarco (Frank) of Colfax, CA, John C. Raibley (Barbara) of Visalia, CA and three grandchildren, David Charles Rubin (Melinda), Brandi Ford (Tom), Charles Jacob Raibley (Tiara), and five great-grandchildren, Luke Rubin, Amelia Rubin, Caleb Ford, Logan Ford, and Isa Charlotte Raibley.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank his Caregivers who took such great care of him in his last few years. Joann Robbins, thank you for all your help to come to the house each morning when we had to be away. He always enjoyed your visits and your cooking. We also thank Kindred Hospice for the extra medical attention he needed. We especially thank TLC Assisted Living for Seniors. Although he was only there about 4 months, but we appreciate how thorough and professional management and staff worked with us and with him. Your facility is, by far the best place we could have placed our loved one. We're thankful we were referred to you by others in the senior care industry.

We also thank ALL FAMILY TRANSPORT for the professional, friendly services you provide for all the transports you did for us. You always went above and beyond the call of duty for all your clients, not just us.

Charles Warren Raibley will Truly be missed by all

Final arrangements have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salserranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry about your father, but it seems he lead a full and long life. -
From Gerald and Norma Logan*

Norma Logan - January 08, 2023 at 03:30 PM