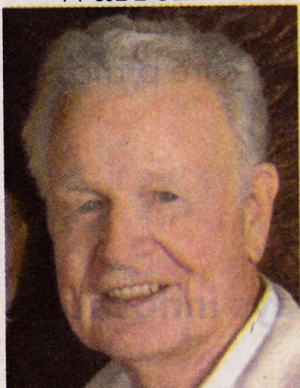


Vinton, Warren E.



LA MESA/ MURRIETA

Warren Edward Vinton, 89 years old, passed away on November 15, 2013 from natural causes at his son's home in Murrieta, CA. He was born to John R. and Frances E. Vinton on April 12, 1924 in Pasadena, CA.

He grew up on Marguerita Road in Alhambra with his two older brothers, Jack and Shorty, and younger sister, Betty Ann. He went to Alhambra High School, graduating in

1942, where his tremendous abilities in football were noticed by the University of Southern California. Unfortunately, he was unable to take advantage of the full scholarship USC offered, since Uncle Sam called him to service during World War II in 1943. He served in Europe and was at the Battle of the Bulge. He eventually received his honorable discharge as a 2nd lieutenant at the end of the Korean War in 1953.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics at the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1951. This is where he met Donna Bliss. They were married on July 21, 1956. They moved to La Mesa so that Warren could teach and coach at Helix High School. He started there in the fall of 1956, teaching and coaching various sports, such as football, swimming, golfing and wrestling. He became Helix's head football coach from 1964-1967 and led them to the CIF championship game in 1966. His record was 25-9-1. He was named the coach of the County All-stars that same year. He retired from Helix High School in 1989. Along with his teaching and coaching, he was well known in La Mesa. He served as a member of the Recreations-Parks Commission for the City of La Mesa from 1968 to 1978.

Warren continued to work after his retirement from Helix H.S. at Don-Janais, a wholesale furnishings store for interior designers that he and his wife co-owned with another couple. Donna and Warren were also able to travel all around the world with great friends. He was married to Donna for 54 years until her death in 2010, and lived in the same home in La Mesa for 56 years.

Warren leaves behind his brother, Charles (Shorty) of Citrus Heights, CA; son, Scott of Murrieta (wife, Lisa Vinton); daughters, Kathleen (Cassie) Wilson of Nuevo (husband, Jeff Wilson), and Christie McCampbell of Carlsbad (husband, Mark McCampbell); and seven grandchildren, Heather (husband, Carson Nutting), Holly, Jason, Travis, Scott, Jeff, and Katie; and one great-granddaughter, Casey.

He was a wonderful man, tough but kind, quick with a joke or to tell a funny story about himself, extremely loyal, and loved his family very much. He will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to spend some time with him.

Military services with honors for Warren Vinton are scheduled for Wednesday, November 27 at 2 pm at Riverside National Cemetery with a reception following at Scott and Lisa's home in Murrieta. Warren will also be remembered by Helix High School and the City of La Mesa at a future event in mid-December. For more information, please check back at www.murrietavalleyfuneralhome.com. Donations may be given to the Wounded Warrior Project: (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) in Warren's name.

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