

SMSgt Wallace J Glavor

10 April 1922 – 18 May 2007

A long time resident of Castro Valley, Wallace John Glavor passed away on May 18, 2007.



Wally was born in Oakland on April 10, 1922, the son of John and Adelina Glavor. He attended schools in Oakland, graduating from Castlemont High School in 1941. Rather than pursue his desired career in medicine, he chose to enlist in the Army and served in World War II in Fairford, England at the 186th General Hospital. He loved to share his memories of this time, both humorous and heartrending, with his family who loved to listen. In July 1947 he became part of the Oakland Police Department and served for 26 years. For 12 years he also served in the Air National Guard's 144th Fighter Wing in Hayward. After retiring from the Oakland Police Department, he served for 6 years with the BART Police.

He leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Phyllis, and their two children, Carol Jean and Jeff; his daughter-in-law, Ineke; his grandchildren, Sarah Schantz, Hannah and Tim Glavor; his brother, Robert; his sister-in-law, Rosemary Glavor; his brother-in-law, Drago Golmac; his sister-in-law, Eva Bueno; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Wally was a member of the Oakland Police Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Native Sons of the Golden West and Camraderie. After full retirement, he remained active, driving the train at the Oakland Zoo, working in the rose gardens at both his church and his home, and mowing lawns in the court where he resided for over 53 years. Both at home and in his car he enjoyed swing and big band music, and always kept a well-supplied candy stash.

He was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church of Hayward and served on the Board of Deacons.

Donations can be made to the Heart Association, the Memorial Fund at First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, or a favorite charity.