



Lt Col Donald W. Stewart

January 26, 1925 – December 13, 2004

Donald W. Stewart, 79, of Oakland died December 13 in his home.

Born January 26, 1925 to Floyd Stewart and Anna Barrows Stewart, Don spent most of his life in Berkeley. He attended Berkeley schools, then the University of California, graduating in 1949, and U.C.'s Boalt School of Law, earning a J.D. in 1951. After marrying Berkeley classmate Nancy Haven in 1947, they raised a family only blocks from his childhood home. In retirement, they moved to the Oakland hills.

He had many generational ties and deep loyalty to the University of California and to many Cal sports. Since 1932, he attended all but two Big Games until this year.

During World War II, Don was a navigator in the 20th Air Force, flying B-29s stationed in Tinian on over-water missions to Japan. He was recalled to serve in the Korean War as a navigator/bombardier in B-26s in the 5th Air Force. Afterwards, he served 17 years in the Air National Guard 129th Special Operations Group, became a squadron navigator, and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Don served as assistant counsel at Union Oil Company in San Francisco for 26 years. After retirement, he worked on legislative matters for major oil companies and for years provided pro-bono legal counsel.

Don's interests included travel and family, often incorporating his pursuit of genealogical roots in trips across the United States, and several trips to Western Europe and Russia. He deeply loved the Sierras, taking family vacations to Lake Tahoe and later organizing family backpack trips throughout the mountains of California. With a close friend, he also hiked the length of the John Muir Trail.

In recent years, Don served as Librarian for the Society of Mayflower Descendants. He has been a member of First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley for over 50 years.

Don is survived by Nancy, his loving wife of 57 years; three children, Kent (Patty), Jim, and Anne Wondolowski; four grandchildren, Lauren and Sarah Wondolowski, and Alec and Sara Stewart; brothers David B. Stewart and Allen P. Stewart; and sisters Elizabeth Cunningham Meteer and Jean Stewart.