



William F. Bertrand

July 9, 1929 - July 9, 2011

William F. Bertrand, 82, of Mill Valley, Calif., died on July 9, 2011, at home, after a long illness.

He is survived by his dearly beloved wife of 58 years, Doris M. (Henrickson) Bertrand; daughter, Jean Bertrand (Tony Leuin) of Mill Valley; daughter, Sally Bertrand Mills of Talbott, Tenn.; grandchildren, Miriam, Adam and Elizabeth Leuin, Sara Mills, and Jacquelyn Mills Murray (Johnny Murray), and newborn great-grandson, Liam Murray.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Mary Bertrand.

Bill was born in Iron Mountain, son of Noe and Della Bertrand. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1947, and attended Northern Michigan University. After leaving college to work full-time, he met Doris and they were married in Iron Mountain on Nov. 1, 1952.

Bill went into the insurance business and formed the Bertrand Insurance Agency, where he and Doris worked side-by-side for many years.

Bill was active in the Kiwanis Club and the Michigan Independent Insurance Agents Association.

Bill and Doris enjoyed travelling and gatherings with family and their many lifelong friends. They retired in 1992, and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to become full-time grandparents.

In Bill's later years, he enjoyed following San Francisco Giants and Green Bay Packers games, listening to big band music, and visiting good restaurants. He always loved to dance, even during his difficult last illness.

The family wishes to thank Bill's dutiful and compassionate caregivers, Suzan Chan, Annie Martin and Brenda Banks.

A Catholic Mass will be offered at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the cancer research organization of the donor's choice.

Condolences to the family of William Bertrand may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the local arrangements.