



Roy S. Edwards

July 13, 1925 - May 9, 2015

Roy S. Edwards, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home in Montecito, California on Saturday, May 9, 2015, just two months shy of his 90th birthday. Roy was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 13, 1925 to Martha and Roy S. Edwards. Raised in the Chicago suburb of Glencoe, Illinois, he was the youngest of four children, all of whom preceded him in death (Dorothy Hillner, Jack Edwards and Jane Trefts Myhre). Following his graduation from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois in 1943, Roy immediately joined the Army Air Corps where he received his wings as a B2 Bomber pilot. After the war he attended Denison University, Granville, Ohio. In 1953 Roy married Betsy Hollingbery in the Glencoe Union Church. The Edwards raised their three children in Glencoe and San Marino, California. Roy enjoyed a successful career as an advertising executive in the broadcasting business. He was a longtime owner of radio stations WPOR - Portland, Maine, WFEA - Manchester, New Hampshire and WRDO - Augusta, Maine. The Edwards retired to Santa Barbara, California in 1986. Roy loved to play golf, was an avid White Sox and Dodgers fan, and enjoyed great jazz. He was a member of the Valley Club of Montecito. Roy is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betsy, and their children Holly Edwards, John Edwards (Cleia) and Liz Edwards and grandchildren Elizabeth Sophie and Harrison Roy Edwards. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Debby Niethammer Roth as well as many loving nieces, nephews and their children. Roy was an extraordinary man; honest, trustworthy, compassionate, loyal, brave, and with a great sense of humor. A private graveside service will be held at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois in the late summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara or a charity of your choice.