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Edward Ivan Engberg, a freelance writer who once aptly described himself as "an intellectual Swiss Army Knife," died at home Monday, October 17. Over a 60 year career, he wrote for numerous national publications and served as a consultant, speech writer, and adviser to corporate executives, politicians, and government officials on topics of social and political importance. The only child of Ivan and Carin Engberg, Mr. Engberg was born in Chicago, IL on March 5, 1928. After serving in the Army in the mid 40s and receiving his BA degree from the University of Chicago, he worked at the Chicago Sun, where he met and married Catherine Lilek. In 1953, the Engberg family moved to New York City where Mr. Engberg wrote for both Time, Inc. and Fortune magazine. He joined the staff at the Fund for the Republic to investigate blacklisting in the entertainment industry during the McCarthy era. In 1967, he accepted an invitation to become a Senior Fellow of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions and moved his family from Brooklyn, New York to Santa Barbara. In the years following his departure from the Center, Mr. Engberg pursued a variety of publishing and freelance endeavors.

Mr. Engberg is survived by his wife Catherine and four children--Tony Engberg (Sallysue Stein) of Auburn, California, Karen Engberg (Doug Jackson) of Santa Barbara, Kristin James (Tim) of Reynoldston, Wales and Elizabeth Engberg (Bob Lawrence) of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Engberg considered it his great good fortune to have twelve grandchildren-James and Chelsea

Engberg, Vanessa, Madeleine, Galen and Francesca Jackson, Anna, Dylan and Juliet James and Gabriel, Michaela and Eliza Lawrence.

Mr. Engberg's ashes are interred at Calvary Cemetery. A memorial event is being planned for late November in Santa Barbara.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3