



John W. Laury JR.

February 15, 1923 - July 24, 2012

Well known New York City and local Interior Designer died on July 24th after a long illness at Santa Barbara Convalescent Hospital. Son of the late Gladys Bovaird Laury and John Laury, Jr. he is survived by his wife Helen Compogiannis Laury his brother Frank B. Laury, in-laws Chris, Steve and Anne Compogiannis; nieces Anne P. Harrison, Julie Hamlin, Laury Phillips, Lizabeth Gay Laury; Great nieces and great nephews Anna and Emma Laury, Lauren, Nicholas, Chase and Camryn Compogiannis, Katie, Stephanie and Juliana Phillips; nephews Tom Laury, Dr. David W. Phillips, Jim Jordan, Tom Compogiannis, and their esteemed spouses.

A graduate of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. his education was interrupted with 3 1/2 years service in the US Navy. Upon receiving his degree he went to NYC to graduate from Parsons School of Interior Design, then worked for various well known NYC firms before establishing his own business in Manhattan. In 1959 he moved to Santa Barbara where he worked for Henry Levy, Inc. He taught Adult Education Interior Design classes for 11 1/2 years. He happily married Helen in October of 1968. In 1969 he reopened his own Interior Design Studio on upper State Street and up until his retirement, he continued assisting clients of long and happy association. John and Helen traveled extensively, and cherished his exposure to Greek culture which he pursued through his membership in the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (Ahepa). His frequent grin was proof that life didn't get much better than that.

The family would like to acknowledge and express their appreciation to Dr. Jerome Kay and to all of the staff of the Santa Barbara Convalescent Hospital for their special care and kindness that John received while in their hands. A very special note of thanks to Lorraine and Van Van Vander for their faithful and caring support whose frequent visits meant so much to John that he could hardly wait to tell Helen who had come to visit.

A brief Memorial service will be held at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, First Presbyterian Church at 12pm on August 1, followed by a private burial for immediate family. At John's request in lieu of flowers, please remember your favorite Charity.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
(805) 969-3231

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 12:00 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
21 E. Constance Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
<http://www.fpcsb.org>