



Ray Cockel

February 20, 1927 - December 10, 2024

Ray Cockel went to be with the Lord on December 10, 2024.

Ray was born on Feb. 20, 1927 in Chicago, and moved with his family to South Pasadena, CA during the Great Depression. He attended South Pasadena San Marino High School. Upon graduation Ray was inducted into the Army; he was later deployed to the Second Infantry Division to help with the repatriation of German Prisoners of War. He then attended Pasadena City College and UCLA, and joined the Pasadena Police Department; he retired with the rank of Commander in 1980.

After the death of his first wife in 1970, Ray married Olga in 1973, taking responsibility for her three sons. They moved to Santa Barbara, where Ray was a life member of Kiwanis International and the LA County Peace Officers Association. He served on the board of the Salvation Army for 25 years and was a Trustee of the El Montecito Presbyterian Church. He is survived by three stepsons, Jeff (Betty), Dwight (Mary) and David (Cathy) Whiting, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. They will miss bringing him donuts and treats, and enjoying a good Old-Fashioned cocktail while listening to his stories. He was very well loved.

Private memorial services, interment next to Olga at Santa Barbara Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
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