



Robert and Lorraine Mathiasen

February 27, 2012

MATHIASEN, Robert Neal

October 4, 1924 – February 24, 2012

MATHIASEN, Lorraine Ruth

August 11, 1928 – February 27, 2012

Bob and Lorraine died at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs as the result of a car vs pedestrian accident. They were in Palm Springs to attend a reunion of Bob's WWII 100th Bomb Group, a favorite annual event.

Bob was born October 4, 1924 at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to Hazel I. and Clifford N. Mathiasen. Bob was educated in Santa Barbara schools and served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 during WWII. From 1943 to 1944 he was a ball turret gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress with the 418th Bomb Squadron and completed 30 missions. After his return from the service, he was employed by Glaser Brothers Wholesale in Santa Barbara until he opened the Buellton Market at 101 and Hwy 246 in Buellton. After selling the market, he became VP and General Manager at Belvedere Products in Goleta and then in Irvine, CA until his retirement.

Lorraine was born August 11, 1928 in Plentywood, Montana to Oliver F. and Ruth P. Ziebarth. She was educated in Missoula, MT, El Centro, CA and at the

University of Montana in Missoula where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and was pinned as a Sweetheart of Sigma Chi Fraternity. After college she returned to her family's new home in Santa Barbara. In addition to being a loving wife and mom, she was employed in casualty insurance agencies in Santa Barbara, Solvang and Mission Viejo until her retirement. She was active in the Santa Barbara County Children's Home Society while living in the Santa Ynez Valley and was a current member of Nu Phi Delta Chi Sorority in Santa Barbara.

Bob and Lorraine were married in Santa Barbara on May 20, 1951. Their three daughters were born in Santa Barbara and raised here and in the Santa Ynez Valley and in Mission Viejo. They have three grandsons and two granddaughters.

After returning from the service, Bob was active in the Santa Barbara Trail Riders with his dad. While living in the Santa Ynez Valley, he enjoyed singing lead with a barbershop quartet. After retirement, Bob and Lorraine sold their home in Mission Viejo, bought a 5th wheel and traveled all across the United States several times visiting their children and grandchildren in Colorado, Florida and New York as well as many places of interest in between. In 1994 they returned to live in Santa Barbara and Goleta. Bob was an active in Santa Barbara Elk's Lodge 613 and both Lorraine and Bob traveled regularly with the Santa Barbara Elks Caravaneers. Both of them were also active supporters of the Foresters Baseball team before, during and after the time their grandson played for the team.

They are dearly loved and will be greatly missed by their daughters, Robin Yost of the Santa Ynez Valley, Karen Hood of New York City and Kristy Cohan (Bob) of Bakersfield, CA; their grandchildren Cody Cohan of Portland, OR and West Cohan of Bakersfield, Chloe Yost, Chase Yost and Hayle Yost of the Santa Ynez Valley. They will also be missed by Lorraine's sister Janice Baker

(Tony) and Bob's sister Dorothy Vendrame (Jimmy) both of Santa Barbara and many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. Bob was pre-deceased by his sisters Jayne Wilson and Rose Condit and his brother Roger Mathiasen.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 10th at the Elks Lodge, 150 North Kellogg, Santa Barbara. In lieu of flowers, friends may remember the 100th Bomb Group Foundation, c/o Cindy Goodman, 13 Ettington Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72714; the National Glaucoma Research Foundation, 251 Post Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94108; the Santa Barbara Foresters/Hugs for Cubs, 4299 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, CA, 93013; or their favorite charity.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **10**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
150 N. Kellogg Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 964-6859

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Bob & Lorraine were two of the sweetest and kindest people I had the pleasure of knowing when I was younger. Always caring and with an ever-ready sense of humor, Bob was, unknowingly, a wonderful role-model to someone who had no father role-model to speak of. I'll always remember the good times we had together during those years. Wonderful family, exceptional parents and kind people.*

I was shocked and saddened to hear so late of their unfortunate passing (on 2014.10.29)

but that's what happens when we lose touch with people.

My condolences to Robin, Karen & Kristy, your parents were awesome and will live in my memory always.

Peace & Love

John Crutchfield

John Crutchfield - October 30, 2014 at 04:06 PM

CM

“ My name is Candy Channell Millett, my Dad was Kenneth Channell.. If I am not mistaken your Dad worked for a short time for my Dad (Hazelwood Transfer and Storage, the office was on State right by the railroad tracks). Slick as we knew him was a very sweet man. My Dad and yours had an on going joke.. you see there were three girls in our family also.. Dad always wanted a boy and they joked about all us GIRLS!!! The last time I saw you Mom and Dad was at the memorial service in July 2010 for my sister Barbara Channell Chester. When they walk throught the door and headed toward me my heart soared. I can not express what it mean to have them there on this day!! I kept wanting to contact them, catch up and let them know I appreciated them there that day. I am so sorry I did not!. We heard about the terrible accident from my ex-brother in law Jerry Brown who also knew you Dad and who now lives in Palm Springs. I know what a terrible loss this is for your family. Eventho it had been a long time since I had seen your parents they always had a special place in my heart. Slick and Lorraine were very wonderful and special people!!!! My deepest sympathy!!!!

Candace Channell Millett - March 09, 2012 at 07:58 PM

GW

“ Growing up in Santa Barbara my 3 brothers and I were introduced to the Mathiasens by my Parents, Cliff and Barbara Williams. We were little kids when we met the even younger three little girls with white blond hair living on the Mesa over looking the Pacific. What I remember was how much my father and mother thought of Bob and Lorraine. When they moved to Buelton and ran the grocery we got to go with my dad to call on the grocery for Jordano's wholesale operation. My parents and grandparents never ceased in their admiration for the Mathiasens. They believed that Bob and Lorraine were the gold standard of America's families. My dad's running joke with Bob was that even though he had 4 sons and Bob only three daughters when it came time to pay for weddings Bob was going to get the worst of it. So, Robin, Karen and Kristy, the Williams brothers send their condolences and sincere respect for your great family.

Geoff Williams, Litchfield Park, AZ

Geoffrey Williams - March 08, 2012 at 03:49 PM

LG

“ Our condolences to Robin, Karen, Kristy and their families. We felt so fortunate to have Bob and Lorraine look us up on their cross-country adventures. Their kindness, good-humor and always-ready laughs will be remembered fondly!

Lisa and Brian Glenn, MT

Lisa Glenn - March 08, 2012 at 12:31 PM

BG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Robert and Lorraine. We will truly miss seeing them, especially at "Spaghetti Night" at the Elks once a month. We had the pleasure of being in a Church group that took a trip to Branson, Mo several years ago. While on the trip we became personal friends with them. They always had a ready smile for everyone. We will always remember both as having a sweet personality.

Jimmy and Betty Goggia

Betty Goggia - March 07, 2012 at 02:28 PM