

SANTA BARBARA

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FRYER, George Julius

(1931-2017)

George passed away peacefully last week in Santa Barbara at the age of 86. He was born in Yonkers, N.Y. to Wanda and Louis Fryer. After attending Manlius School, he served in the Merchant Marine where he traveled around the world three times at age 16. Afterwards, he attended the Merchant Marine Academy. George was drafted into the Army in 1950 during the Korean War, and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, where he served as a Lieutenant. After the war, he returned to Eastchester, N.Y., and worked in the family meat business, L.A. Fryer Brothers Market, alongside his father and brother, Victor. In 1955, he met Glee Wright on a blind date. They fell madly in love and married in 1958, and had two daughters, Glee and Brier. The family enjoyed many summers at the Manursing Island Club, in Rye, N.Y., playing tennis and relaxing at the beach with dear friends. In 1972, George moved the family to Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head Island, S.C. where he became a top Real Estate salesman. He also opened two design centers on Hilton Head. In 1981, he moved to the Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, Florida, where he founded Fryer Associates Real Estate. After retiring in 1991, he moved to Reno, Nevada and Rancho Santa Fe, California. He attended various chef schools, and cooked sophisticated dishes for his wife, family and friends for the next two decades. The happy couple enjoyed several years traveling throughout the northwestern US in their Road Trek RV van. George moved to Santa Barbara in 1999, and was very active in the Santa Barbara Newcomers Club and the Montecito Country Club, where he enjoyed playing golf. Some of his many hobbies included ice skating, saxophone, photography, reading, writing, computers, and making homemade pasta. George was blessed with an exciting life, filled with a close loving family, devoted dogs, world travels, amazing friends, and great food. He is survived by his wife, his two daughters and their husbands, and four grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held on December 17th from 3 to 5 PM at Maravilla Senior Living, on Calle Real, Goleta, California, for friends and family.

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