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May 28, 1933 - May 14, 2015

Concord

Walter W. Hesse, beloved husband and father, passed away peacefully on May 14, 2015 at the age of 81. Walt, known as "Punky" in his youth and as "Pop" by his children was born in San Francisco on May 28, 1933. He would reminisce about his days as a boy on the playgrounds of the city from sun up to sun down. Punky graduated from Commerce High School in 1951, showing his athletic prowess by earning All-City honors in football and in baseball his senior year. After high school, Walt was also signed to play minor league baseball, which he did for one season. Walt's love of sports continued throughout his life, playing softball into his 40's as well as being a fan of the 49ers, Giants and A's. After baseball, Walt served in the [United States Navy](#), a tradition carried on to his son Charles and his grandson Joseph. From there, he was hired by Pacific Gas & Electric Company where his strong work ethic, loyalty and dedication led to a 32 year career, including his ascension into management before his early retirement in 1988. Pop lived in "The City" for 45 years before moving the family to Martinez in 1978 and later settling in Concord. He married Virginia Taylor Griffin in 1967 and soon became the step-father to Doug, Charles and George Griffin. When Virginia passed away unexpectedly some 27 years ago, Walt later married Margaret Phillips, adding her children, Tyrone and Sean McCloskey as additional stepsons. Walt and Margaret enjoyed a wonderful life together in their retirement, travelling a great deal and enjoying family and friends. Walt was a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Concord [Elks Lodge](#). Pop is preceded in death by his parents Theodore & Gretel Hesse, his brothers Ted "Pinky" Hesse and George "Mickey" Hesse, his first wife Virginia and his granddaughter Molly Griffin. He is survived by Margaret, his five step-sons Doug, Charles, George, Sean and Tyrone and their spouses, ten grandchildren and numerous friends. Private Services will be held.

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