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**William Howard SHERMAN**

SHERMAN, William Howard November 18, 1927 - February 27, 2015 Dear Sweet William passed gently away into the eternal night with his Fair Judith Ann, beloved wife for over 55 years, devotedly by his side. Loving son, husband, father, grandfather and friend, Bill was born in St. Paul, MN, and graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where he varsity lettered in baseball and was a member of the Notre Dame Monogram Club. A lifelong baseball fan, Willie was drafted by the New York Giants in 1949 and shared his love for the game by coaching Little League and mentoring many a young player in the importance of teamwork and the art of pitching. William fell forever in love with Judith Ann Smythe, a bonny Irish lass from Illinois. They married on May 30, 1959 at St. Cecilia's Church in San Francisco. They then settled in Marin County, where they raised their lovely six children: Joseph, Laura, Stephen, John, Daniel and Eileen. Bill and Judith cultivated the importance of family and friends, celebrating life, and doting on their grandchildren, Michelle, Richard, Julia Rose, Sophia and Dylan. The Shermans particularly cherished their fond friendship with the Grant and Eager families. Bill joined the National Golf Foundation and started a number of businesses, including William Sherman Company, and Golf Realty Corporation, acting as a specialized appraiser, consultant, expert witness, and licensed real estate broker for golf courses. Willie loved to play cards and word games. He could complete crossword puzzles in pen, skunk you in cribbage, and school you at Scrabble, all in the same afternoon. With a gentle hand and a generous smile that would warm all the horizon, he was always there to listen with care and provide wise counsel. "Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!" - Hamlet A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 125 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma, CA. Donations may be made to Casa Allegra Community Services, 35 Mitchell Blvd, Suite 8, San Rafael, CA 94903.

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