



Marvin Alfred Peixoto

August 1, 1931 - May 21, 2016

With great sadness, we say goodbye to Marvin who passed away on May 21, 2016. Resident of Carmichael, he was born in Niles, California, and he was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Evelyn Peixoto, and his brother Merle. He is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Jean, sons Marvin Jr., Thomas, Daniel and his wife Cami, and his two grandsons, Nicholas and Thomas, also his brother Delbert and his wife Shirley, sister-in-law Kay and her husband Frank, as well as several nieces and nephews.

This fifth generation Californian served as an attorney in Sacramento over fifty years. He was the County Counsel who did the condemnation cases to acquire the land for the Sacramento International Airport in the 1960's. After this position, he went into private practice with Mento, Buchler and Littlefield. Marvin was recruited to come back to Sacramento County to try felony cases for the Public Defender's office. He also tried several notorious juvenile cases; he was one of the few Juvenile Criminal Specialists. He always respected his clients and gave them their right to a fair trial.

Marvin's family was an early pioneering family in the Irvington District of Fremont. His father was in the meat business, and his mother was a homemaker. They were Charter Members of the Fremont Bank, in which Marvin remained as a stockholder.

Marvin attended Irvington Elementary School where he made lifelong friends. His high school years were at Washington Union High School, where he was senior class president and Valedictorian. The school secretary, "Brownie", always told the story about Marvin dictating his Valedictorian speech the day of commencement. He extended his education and graduated from Santa Clara University with a B.S. in Political Science. Following this, he served two years in the United States Army during the Korean War at the Presidio in San Francisco as a Military Police Officer. After being honorably discharged, he returned to the Santa Clara University School of Law where he was the Law Review editor before graduating at the top of his class with his Doctorate of Laws.

Throughout his life he continued to pursue new interests. He traveled extensively throughout the world. Marvin loved to learn about other cultures and languages. He has been in all 50 states and six of the seven continents.

He was an avid reader; he read all eleven volumes of The Story of Civilization twice. He was a great storyteller and had a terrific wit. He loved to play pinochle and demonstrate the proper hook-slide technique at the TNT Club. He especially enjoyed doing the N.Y. Times crossword puzzles in ink! Marvin loved live theater and was very active in the Ashland Shakespearean Theater.

Athletic throughout his life, he enjoyed football and baseball. He was a lifelong S.F. Giants fan, starting when his parents took him to Seal Stadium in the 1930s. He had been to all the National and American League stadiums and attended games at all three Giants ballparks.

He will deeply be missed by many, especially his family, who he cared about deeply. Marvin wanted to thank Dr. Kristen Robinson for all her kindness, compassion, and great care. His mind remained as sharp as ever, but his body just gave out from age.

Internment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was sorry to hear of Marv's passing. I wanted to attend his memorial service, but broke my foot yesterday---hence this note. I was a law school classmate of Marv. We were good friends during those years. Marvin was an outstanding fellow, whose company was enjoyed by all. He was smart, witty, and more than a bit of a cut up (ah! the stories I could tell). He always displayed a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. While I met his wife, Jean, on a couple of occasions (at a class reunion, and at our induction into the Ruffo Society), I never met the rest of his family. But to all of you, my deepest condolences. May he smile at you from above and enjoy your tribute to him.

Ray Lelli, Santa Clara Law Class of '57.

Ramon Lelli - June 22, 2016 at 01:58 PM

JT

“ Marv was a key player in the legal system and a wonderful person. We will all miss him. Joe Taylor

Joe Taylor - June 08, 2016 at 08:56 PM

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“ Delbert So Sorry to hear about the death of your brother, Marvin. Sincerely, Carolyn Rose Sullivan

Carol Sullivan McCarthy - June 01, 2016 at 06:47 PM

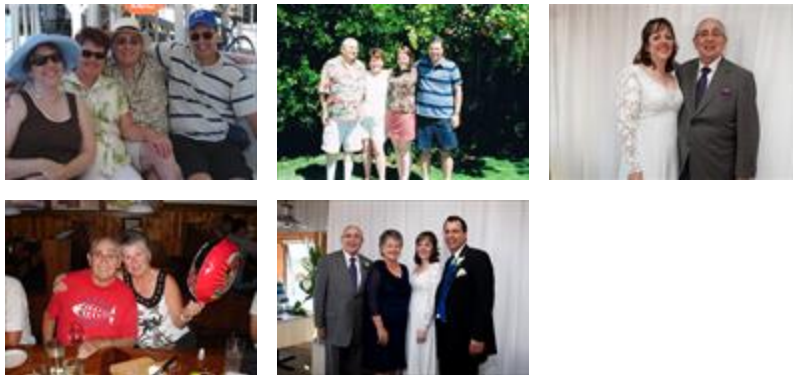
JB

“ *Hanging out with Marvin and his sons was always an adventure. He had a gift for making things lively with unpredictability and humorous conversation. He never spoke down to us when we were young, and he made us feel like what we had to say was important or at least something he could respond to, usually with humor but always with thoughtfulness. He was a unique individual in so many ways. It wasn't just what he said, but it was the way he said it. I can still hear his voice.*

jeff bettencourt - May 29, 2016 at 08:07 PM

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Dan Peixoto - May 28, 2016 at 04:13 PM

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