



Harold "hal" Keswick

December 4, 1926 - June 4, 2011

Harold was born December 4, 1926 to Anna & Clarence Keswick in Orange, California and he passed to his rest June 4, 2011 in his home in Leisure Word, Seal Beach, CA surrounded by family. Hal was the 6th out of 7 Keswick boys. Shortly after his younger brother Henry was born, his mother died, and he was raised by his Uncle Harold & Aunt Mary who had no children of their own.

Hal attended Fairfax High School he became a multi-talented gymnast and spent a lot of time at Muscle Beach in Santa Monica. In 1943 he came in 1st in the high bar for All City and All Western League. Hal had a number of different jobs including an usher at the Carmel Theater in 1943, and he painted Good Humor ice cream trucks for the next year or so. He then joined the Merchant Marines and stayed with them till April of 1946. Shortly after Hal returned home, he was drafted into the Army infantry and spent time in Sasabo, Japan. Eight months later, because he had served in the Merchant Marines during WWII, his army "career" ended and he came home.

-Hal began to court "Mickey" aka Dorothy starting in 1946 and they met on a blind date. After dating for some months, Hal & Mickey got married on February 14, 1948. Nine months later (to the day!) Bruce was born.

Hal worked for Lockheed Aircraft from 1951-1954 and during that time in 1952, his daughter Susan was born. In 1954 he began a long career with Pacific Telephone and being the type of "telephone man" he was gave him many

unique experiences. Some of the highlights of working with Pacific Telephone was that he was he was in attendance and in tuxedo at many Academy Awards ceremonies and other “Hollywood” award ceremonies. He was on call and in attendance at Dodger games and World Series, football games and Super Bowls. He had top secret clearance for big political events for which he secured communication lines. He even worked at Hugh Hefner’s house a few times! Hal enjoyed his time with Pac Bell but finally retired in 1985.

In 1986 they moved to their home in Pine Mountain Club full-time, since Hal loved the mountains, but the ocean always lured him back. They started cruising in 1968, took at least 26 cruises, and had to call it quits 40 years later due to his health. That broke his heart as cruising was his love.

In 2003 they moved to Leisure World where they made so many friends, have wonderful neighbors, are near their grandson Shawn. Hal enjoyed his years here immensely and I don’t think there was any place he would have rather been.

Hal is survived by his wife Mickey and two children, Bruce and Susan. He had four grandchildren and four great grandchildren and a host of friends. He is also survived by his 3 brothers: Stan Keswick of Arizona, Ted Keswick of Orange, CA and his brother Art Keswick of San Jose, CA.

Tribute Wall



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