

Mount Diablo Branch 8 Obituary Notices

The Membership Secretary will publish notices of the death of a Branch member as that information becomes known. Services, if any, will be listed in this document and email notices of the services will be made to the membership. A member's date of death, date of induction into Branch 8, city of residence, partner, Branch roles and interests will be listed.

Obituary notices will be listed by date of death and will remain on the Branch website for the one calendar year.

SIR Pete Kiernan

December 24, 1945 - early January, 2023



Field	Description
Inducted	10/8/2012 10+ YEAR MEMBER
Residence	Concord
Deceased	Early January 2023
Service	Unknown
Interests	Hikers

Membership was notified by Pete's daughter that he had passed.

SIR Dan Franklin

September 2, 1926 – February 6, 2023



Field	Description
Inducted	1/9/2006 17+ YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Marilyn Franklin, deceased wife of 60 years
Veteran	Dan was a WWI veteran and received medals for his actions on Omaha Beach on D-Day, including the Legion of Honor, the highest award from France.
Residence	Lafayette
Deceased	2/6/2023
Service	A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be scheduled
Interests	Poker

Lafayette, California

Dan passed away peacefully in his apartment in Merrill Gardens, Lafayette.

Dan survived his wife of 60 years Marilyn Franklin.

Born in Kansas City, Dan lived a full and amazing life. Dan enlisted in the Navy at 16 years old in 1942 with a desire to fight Germany. At just 17 years old, Dan's service to his country brought him to the shores of Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in February 1946, at the age of 19. His service resulted in many medals and letters of commendation for his service, notably the Legion of Honor - known as "Chevalier (Knight) of the Légion d'Honneur" the highest award bestowed by the French government, which was presented to Dan by Senator Nancy Pelosi in 2013.

Initially resuming work at a florist shop in Kansas City, Dan decided to look for a different occupation.

Through help of friends, family and the local Jewish Federation, Dan started what was to be a 43 year career in the paper distribution business. Though lacking a high school diploma, his career advanced with moves to Dallas, Chicago and finally Moraga, CA, ending his career as vice-president of a multi-billion-dollar corporation.

He is survived by son Barry (Gail) Franklin of Roseville, daughter Mindy (Robert) Becker of Moraga, son Jeffrey Franklin of Lafayette, and son Michael (Lisa) Franklin of Lake Forest, IL, 11 Grandchildren, 2 Great Grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be scheduled. Donations can be made to Suncrest Hospice or Hospice of the East Bay.

SIR Bob Blue

July 16, 1931 – June 9, 2023



Bob Blue

Pleasant Hill, California

With heavy hearts we announce that Robert (Bob) W. Blue passed away in his sleep in the early morning of June 9, 2023, just a month shy of his 92nd birthday.

He is survived by his best friend and wife, Gwen Blue, his daughter, Trish Blue, his son and daughter-in-law, David and Katrina Blue, his sister, Marilyn Denney, sister-in-law, Betty Blue, and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was an intelligent and respected husband, father, and Surgeon in the Contra Costa area for over 60 years.

He was born in Ventura, California, and died in his home in Pleasant Hill. He is predeceased by his brother, Richard, and his parents, Bill and Evelyn Blue.

His family asks that if you are so moved, you may make a donation to Canvasback Missions in his memory.

<http://www.canvasback.org/donate>

Field	Description
Inducted	5/9/2022
Residence	Pleasant Hill
Deceased	June 9, 2023
Service	Unknown
Interests	Book group

Membership was notified by SIR Allan Tobias that Bob had passed.

SIR Alex Go

August 1, 1933 – October 12, 2023



Field	Description
Inducted	2/8/2015
Partner	Mayo Go
Veteran	US Army, 1967-1969
Residence	Pleasant Hill
Deceased	10/12/2023
Service	November 4, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Contra Costa Gospel Church, 2460 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek
Roles	Recruitment 2018
Interests	BBQ Fishing Sirs in the Garden

Alex Su Ying Go, 90, of Concord, California, was born the oldest of 4 children (1 son and 3 daughters) on August 1, 1933 in China. His father brought his wife and children from China to Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1948. Alex worked in his father's grocery store throughout high school.

Alex graduated from Tulane University in 1957 and Tulane University Medical School in 1961. He married his wife, Mayo Fong, in 1961. After medical school and residency, he started practicing family medicine with Mayo's brother, Fun Fong, in Hughes, AR and later set up a solo practice in Blytheville, AR. In 1967, he was drafted into the US Army and served in Vietnam for one year. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces. After he returned from Vietnam, he was stationed at Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, TX as Chief Medical Officer for one year and was promoted to

the rank of Major. He was honorably discharged from the army and moved the family to Southern California where he started working as a family physician. He joined a private practice in Anaheim, CA and subsequently opened his own practice, Garden Park Medical Group, for more than 20 years. In the latter part of his career, he practiced with his wife for 12 more years before retiring in 2001.

Alex was a devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather. He loved going on hunting trips to Africa, Mexico, and many places in the United States. He also went on fishing trips to Alaska with his son and locally with the SIRS fishing club. He was an outstanding cook and shared his delicious food with his family and friends. Alex loved sports including playing tennis with his family and watching NFL football with his children. When his children were grown, he spent time traveling with his wife.

Alex is survived by his wife, Mayo Fong Go, as well as his three children, Steven Go (Sharon Yee Go), Cynthia Go (Dale C. Wong), and Alan Stanley Go (Joan C. Lo); his five grandchildren, Shelby Go, Zoe T. Wong, Zachary R. Wong, Rachel E. Go, and Megan G. Go; and many other loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on November 4, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Contra Costa Gospel Church, 2460 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek.

SIR Charles Stewart Patrick

June 19, 1938 – October 19, 2023



Field	Description
Inducted	3/6/2016
Partner	Leny Bader-Patrick
Veteran	British Royal Artillery, 1956-1958
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	10/19/2023
Service	See obit below to plant trees in memory
Roles	
Interests	Bridge Wine Cellar Fillers

Obituary published on Legacy.com by Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel on Oct. 25, 2023.

Charles Edward Stewart Patrick passed away on October 19 at the age of 85 in Walnut Creek, California.

Stewart, as he was known to friends and family, was born to William Leonard Patrick and Josephine Mary Patrick, and grew up in the town of St. Helens in Lancashire, England, where William worked as a

research chemist involved in the war effort.

After graduating from the Oundle School, Stewart served in the 37th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment of the British Army Royal Artillery from 1956-58, stationed in Malta. While there, he played rugby for the regiment and acted in a modern army dress version of Shakespeare's "Henry V."

Stewart earned a BA and MA in natural sciences from Cambridge University, where he rowed in the 1959 Trinity College rugby boat. After working at ICI as an industrial engineer for several years, he crossed the Atlantic to earn his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Stewart spent several years working for McKinsey & Co. in New York and then London, eventually returning to the United States and becoming a U.S. citizen. He lived for many years in Rye, New York, working with McKinsey, then Continental Can Co. and finally PepsiCo. In the 90's, he moved to Philadelphia to be Compensation and Benefits Director at Cigna Corporation, and subsequently at the St. Gobain Corporation, from which he retired in 2005. Outside of work, Stewart was an active participant in the British Officers Club and the Honorable Artillery Company.

Stewart had a lifelong love of music. While living in Pennsylvania he joined the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church choir, and after he and his wife Elenita ("Leny") Bader-Patrick moved to Walnut Creek, California, in 2012, he joined the Livermore Choir and served on their Board of Directors. He also participated in numerous barbershop quartet competitions, and traveled to many countries with Leny, making friends and tasting new wines along the way. If a chorus of "Happy Birthday" broke out near Stewart, he couldn't resist joining in and adding the bass line.

Stewart is survived by his wife, his sons Nicholas and Rupert and their wives Rossana and Sara, stepdaughters Christine and Caroline, grandchildren William, Cecilia, Cameron, Charlie, Alex, Claire, Alexander, and Madelyn, and by his younger sister Julia and former wife Gilly.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

Found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/c-patrick-obituary?id=53431883#obituary>

SIR Bob Olson

June 28, 1932 – December 21, 2023



Field	Description
Inducted	3/9/2008 15 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Daphne Olson
Veteran	US Army, 1952-1954
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	12/21/2023
Service	Reception: February 8, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. Location: Zio Fraedos Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill R.S.V.P.: (707) 591-4897 or stephenrolson@aol.com
Roles	
Interests	Bargain Wines BBQ Dine Out 1 Fishing Golf 9 hole mixed league Sirs in the Kitchen Wine Cellar Fillers

Son of San Francisco

In Loving Memory of Robert Charles Olson

6/28/1932 to 12/21/2023

Loving husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. Bob passed away peacefully on in Walnut Creek.

Growing up in the Olson family's home in Noe Valley. Bob was the youngest of 7 children. Bob joined the Naval Reserve, and served in the submarine corp., Bob then joined the Army and went into the medical corp, during the Korean War.

After Bob's tours of duty, Bob married Daphne, they shared 68 years together. Bob's devotion to family and work, with love and affection which affected more than just his wife and son, Stephen. Bob had the ability to inspire others to have stronger work ethics and became a better and stronger person. Bob become a glazier for the City of San Francisco, becoming a Real Estate Agent, Broker, Developer and an occasional boat builder.

Bob loved the S.F. Forty-Niner's, and S.F. Giants play ball. Bob enjoyed listening to music and dancing, traveling the world, playing golf, fishing, hunting, snow and water skiing, scuba diving, boating, building, being creative and a good book. Bob certainly enjoying the close companionship and comradery of family, friends and business partner's. Bob loved working to making our lives better.

Thank you Bob, for being the wonderful caring person that you are. You did make a difference in our lives and you will be loved and forever missed.

Reception: February 8, 2024 at 1:30 P.M.

Location: Zio Fraedos Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

R.S.V.P.: (707) 591-4897 or stephenrolson@aol.com

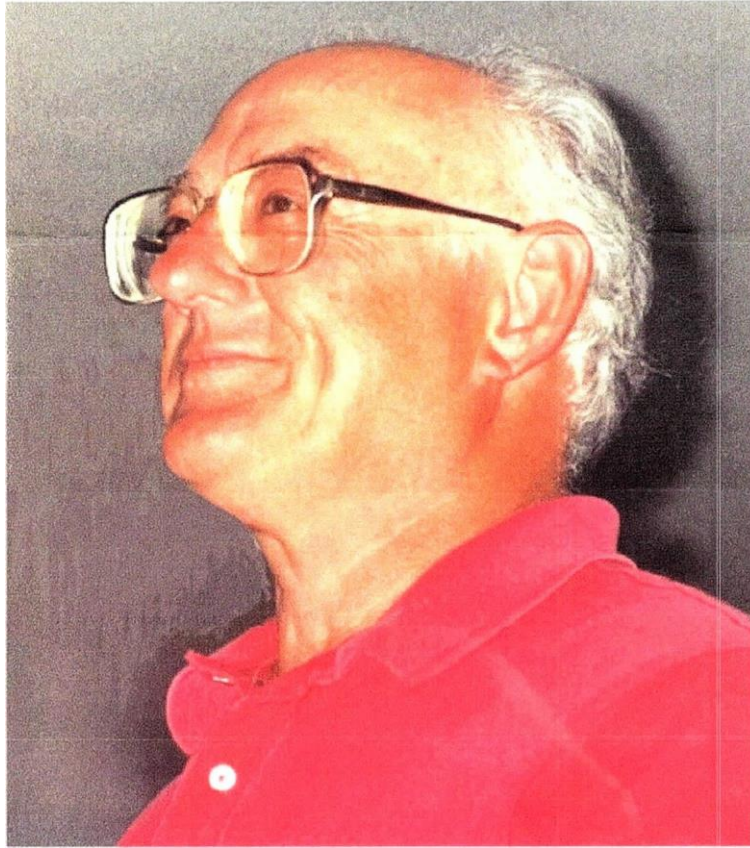
SIR Tom Hensley

November 20, 1936 – January 10, 2024



Field	Description
Inducted	3/2/1990 33 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Carolie Olson
Veteran	US Navy, 1960-1964
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	1/10/2024
Service	February 2, 2024 See below
Roles	Honorary Life Member 2009 Bir SIR 2003 Little Sire 2002 Duplicate Bridge Assistant Chair 2022
Interests	Duplicate Bridge Dine Out 1 Fishing Genealogy

In Loving Memory



Tommy Roy Hensley

NOV 20, 1936

JAN 10, 2024



Celebration of Life

Friday, February 2nd at 1:00 PM

Creekside Club Room (Rossmoor)

1010 Golden Rain Road, Walnut Creek, CA

SIR Bill Bargenquast

October 10, 1945 – February 8, 2024



Field	Description
Inducted	4/10/2011 12 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Diane Bargenquast
Veteran	
Residence	Brentwood
Deceased	2/8/2024
Service	Unknown at this time
Roles	Chaplain assistant BBQ
Interests	Astronomy – Online, Dine Out 2 Golf, 18 holes Wine Cellar Fillers

SIR Bill Phelon

December 10, 1931 – March 4, 2024



Bill Phelon

Field	Description
Inducted	2/14/2005 19 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	
Veteran	
Residence	Orinda
Deceased	3/4/2024
Service	Unknown
Roles	Photographer
Interests	Photography Computers & Technology Genealogy Dine Out

SIR Franco Diamond

December 24, 1946 – March 29, 2024



Field	Description
Inducted	4/13/2020
Partner	Carolyn Diamond
Veteran	
Residence	Oakland
Deceased	3/29/2024
Service	See below
Roles	
Interests	Pickleball

Franco Diamond



Franco Diamond, beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother, passed from our lives on March 29th after a brief illness. He leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication to his family and friends. Franco is survived by Carolyn, his devoted wife of 43 years, his cherished children Joanna and Christopher, his adored granddaughter Leah and his dear sister Val Diamond Salgo and her husband Steve. He was the son of Harold and Lilly Diamond.

Throughout his entire professional career, Franco was a stalwart in the healthcare industry. Colleagues fondly remember him as a beacon of creativity and leadership, tirelessly striving to cultivate a positive work environment for his associates. He earned the respect of his team and developed many life-long friendships with those who worked with him. His commitment to excellence left an indelible mark on the healthcare landscape.

Upon retiring from the healthcare world in 2019, Franco embarked on a new chapter, dedicating his time to his passion for cooking. Proud of his Italian heritage, he delighted in creating exquisite Italian meals to share with family and friends, infusing every dish with love and tradition. Franco will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His kindness, generosity, and zest for life will forever resonate in the hearts of those he touched. Though he may no longer be with us, his spirit will continue to live on through the memories he created and the lives he enriched.

A private family service is planned. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to:

Clinic by the Bay
35 Onondaga Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94112