

Roy "Bud" Welton Jr.
January 20, 1926 - January 19, 2013

It is with sadness that the Welton family must announce the passing of Roy "Bud" Welton, Jr., on Jan. 19, 2013, at the age of 86, in Napa. Born Jan. 20, 1926, in Oshkosh, Wis., he came with his family to Napa in 1937. He was a 1944 graduate of Napa Union High and a proud World War II veteran as a MP in the CBI theater.

After he was discharged from the U.S. Army, Roy helped bartend and was involved in various other roles at his father's nightclub on Soscol Avenue, the former Roy's Club/Nite Cap, then joining the California Highway Patrol in 1951, Bdg.#1149 (21-1).

Roy retired from a distinguished career with the CHP in 1979 and spent many years enjoying his passion of traveling and salmon fishing in Canada and Alaska, as well as pursuing his strong interest of California history by helping to mark overland pioneer migration routes across the west as a participant in the Oregon California Pioneer Trails Association.

Roy is survived by his four sons, Steve, Phil, Larry, and Lester; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his late sister, Shirley Page.

No services are planned. The family will be in attendance and extends a warm invitation to all those who wish to pay their respects at the viewing visitation at Claffey & Rota Funeral Home, 1975 Main St. in Napa, on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2 to 6 p.m.