



## Arthur Winfield "Bill" Niebling

February 3, 1924 - September 24, 2017

September 24, 2017 at 11:09 a.m. - Loving husband, father, war veteran and entrepreneur, Arthur Winfield "Bill" Niebling left this world at the age of 93 years 7 months and 21 days. While deeply saddened by their loss, Mr. Niebling's family is very grateful that he is free from his recent suffering and pain, and is now at peace.

A lover of classical music, opera, big band jazz, ballroom dancing and classic black and white movies, Bill was a strong willed and courageous man. He had an incredibly independent spirit, and was a great patriot of this country having served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was stationed in the Philippines and worked as an aircraft mechanic. Bill had an incredible knack for fixing things. Tinkering with repairs or building some of his imaginative custom creations was his place of comfort and solitude. With an incredible ear for music, Bill loved to play the piano and write some of his own music. He could easily play a recognizable tune after hearing only a couple of times.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's, Bill Niebling was a TV cameraman for Betty White. He must have left an incredible impression on her. She thoughtfully mentions him in her book "Here We Go Again" on page 53.

In 1967, Bill, his wife Nancy, and their three sons moved from Pacifica, California to Menlo Park, California leaving his job of 10 plus years at Zack

Electronics. They purchased the local “Sturz Kaiser” hardware store, later to become an Ace Hardware. Bill Niebling quickly became known as the “Ace Hardware Man” of Menlo Park, California during the 1970’s and 1980’s. His wife, and all three of their children worked in the hardware store for many years. Their family run business became a well-known community icon and was the premiere “go to” hardware store in Menlo Park as well as other neighboring communities. Many local teenagers also worked at Ace Hardware throughout the decades. It seemed as if many local youth saw working at The Niebling’s Ace Hardware as a coming of age or a rite of passage milestone towards building their future. Many talented and wonderful people grew up in The Niebling’s hardware store business and learned a great deal about running a business and strong communication skills, all while gaining a good knowledge base and confidence level to prepare them for their next phase in life. He will be missed by so many whose lives he touched in significant ways.

Please keep the entire Niebling family in your thoughts as they navigate the grieving period in the days, weeks, and months to come. Bill Niebling is survived by his wife Nancy, their three sons Jon, Jeff, and James, Jon’s wife Sonya and their 5 children – Katie, Heidi, Jenica, Randy, Madison, James’ husband Esteban, and Bill & Nancy’s dog Lucy.

# Tribute Wall



“ Arthur Winfield "Bill" Niebling

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bill during the time of one of my many "careers". Working at a local independent auto repair shop, I was very fond of chatting with Bill each time he came in and was asked to service the vehicle and be sure to "check the air filter". Of course I was happy to oblige this affable, kind gentleman- whatever the question or request. My sincerest condolences to the Niebling family.  
-Jim Vanoli



Jim Vanoli - October 06, 2017 at 10:47 PM