



Richard J. Hildebrand

September 18, 1927 - December 11, 2023

Richard John Hildebrand, age 96, of Vallejo, CA passed away on 12/11/2023 in American Canyon, CA. He was born in Philadelphia 09/18/1927 to Floyd and Lenora Hildebrand. He graduated from Morsetown High School in 1945. Soon after he was drafted into the US Army Aircorp. 2 years later he switched to the Air Force and then served a total of 22 years. He went on to a second career as a photographer with the Napa Valley Register for approximately 25 years.

He enjoyed flying model air planes and running electric trains. He was a long time member of the local model train club. He was also a long time member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church where he served as a lay reader.

He is survived by his 3 living daughters, Jean (John) Clement of Elbert, CO; Valerie Paynter (David Huffmon) of Vallejo, CA; and Mary Hildebrand (Jim Hike) of Rustburg, VA. He also leaves behind 8 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Celia Hildebrand, and their oldest daughter Kathleen Triem.

A funeral service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1917 Third St. in Napa on Monday, December 18th at 1:00pm. The service will be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/3960138>. A graveside service with military honors will follow at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa.

Richard was much loved by his family and will be greatly missed. He is the last surviving member of his generation. The family would like to thank Greenhills Care Home in American Canyon for the excellent care given him the last 10 months of his life and Bristol Hospice for the support provided during his final months.

Cemetery Details

Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd
Napa, CA 94558

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
1917 Third Street
Napa, CA 94559

Graveside Service

DEC 18. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (PT)

Tulocay Cemetery
411 Coombsville Rd
Napa, CA 94558

Tribute Wall



“ *Claffey & Rota Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard J. Hildebrand*



CLAFFEY AND ROTA FUNERAL HOME
1975 Main Street, Napa, California 94559
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Claffey and Rota Funeral Home - December 13, 2023 at 07:55 PM

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“ *Richard was always such a gentleman. I met Richard at St. Mary's many years ago. God Bless him and his family. Darlene Joens*

Darlene Joens - December 16, 2023 at 05:05 PM

JC

“ *1 file added to the album Dad*



Jean Clement - December 15, 2023 at 11:57 AM

JC

“ *2 files added to the album Dad*



Jean Clement - December 14, 2023 at 11:23 AM