

Lawrence Y. Klippel

KLIPPEL, Lawrence Y.



Passed away June 2, 2008, with his wife and son by his side in his Rosemont home at the age of 82 from health issues attributed to old age.

Larry was born May 5, 1926, in Sacramento, Calif., to Frank Hayward Klippel and Estella Caroline Saecker. He graduated early from McClatchy High School in 1944. After High School Larry studied at the University of Southwest Louisiana, Tulane University Louisiana, University of California Berkeley, and California State University Sacramento. Larry married Laurice M. Gessner June 17, 1950 and they were happily married for nearly 58 years. Aside from a short period in Ohio, they spent all their married life in Sacramento.

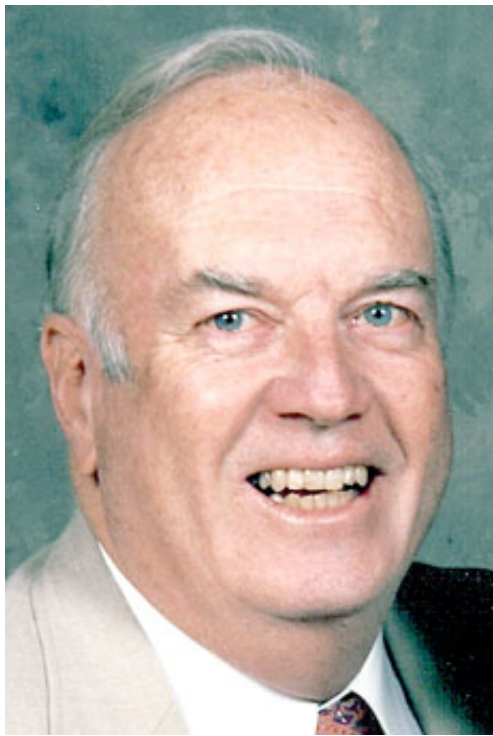
Larry served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant JG during World War II and Korea. His professional career spanned a variety of Sacramento area company's including ten years at Campbell Soup as a safety and quality control engineer, six years at Aerojet General as a quality engineer, and 20 years at Don Julio Junior High School as a math and science teacher. In addition, he worked 13 summers at Yosemite National Park as a seasonal ranger. The fondest memories recounted by his two sons come from those summers spent as a family in Yosemite.

Larry was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was always very active in the community and was a member of Arden Lions Club, Senior Gleaners, Early Ford Club, Seniors in Retirement, and Ambassador's Club. In addition, his #1 hobby was golfing and he could always be found on a golf course with friends.

Larry is survived by his wife, Laurice, and their two sons Steven and Bill and their families. Steven's family includes his wife Nancy; their older daughter Stephanie and her husband Wesley and their three children Emily, Matthew, and Ryan; and their younger son Steven and his wife Lauren. Bill's family includes his daughter Becky and her husband Joshua and their two children Joseph and Michael; and Bill's two other daughters Amber and Michelle. Larry was preceded in death by his mother and father, Estella and Frank; and brother Gordon.

Memorial services will be held for family and friends June 27, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at the Klippel home. His ashes will be interred at the Old City Cemetery in Sacramento, Calif.

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We have lost a longtime SIR member. Sir Larry Klippel died June 2nd from health problems. Larry joined SIR in 1986 and was working on his 22nd year of membership. Before retirement he worked for Campbell Soup, Aerojet, and the Grant School District. He was very active in many other organizations such as Lions, Senior Gleaners, Early Ford Club and the Ambassador's Club. He certainly enjoyed SIR golfing over the years. Our sympathies go to his wife Laurice and her family. Larry was a good friend. His full obituary is in the June 22nd Sacramento Bee.

Big Sir Joe Virga