William C. Yost, 68

Bill "Rusty" Yost, 68, of Ramona, Calif., formerly of Brooklyn, departed this life on Sunday, April 22, 2007 after a brief illness. A Celebration of Life service was held in Lake Forest, Calif., on Tuesday, April 24. Burial at sea will take place for the immediate family at a later date.

Bill was born Oct. 9, 1938, in Minneapolis, Minn., the son of William A. and Marya B. Yost. In 1950, his family relocated to Brooklyn, where he graduated from Brooklyn Community High School in 1957. Bill attended Loras College receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with a teaching certificate in 1961. He held a Masters Degree in Physics and Chemistry from the University of New Mexico. His long teaching career included Regis High School in Cedar Rapids, Marmion Military Academy in Illinois and more recently as a private tutor in the Scripts Ranch area of California.

On June 10, 1961 he was united in marriage to Delaine A. Facile. They later divorced. Bill loved to travel and toured the Western States in his camper. As a tour director for the music department at Saddle Back College, he led groups to many of the countries in Europe. He also toured China, Australia, Canada and Alaska. He loved classical music, classic cars, reading and cooking. He was enthusiastic about life, encouraging everyone he encountered to experience and enjoy all that life has to offer. Bill was an inspiration to many, and was loved and respected by all those whose lives he touched.

Survivors include his four daughters: Maria Milechik of Long Beach, Calif., Karen Prinz of Lake Forest, Calif., Sherry Souza of Aliso Viejo, Calif., and Lara Romero of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; one sister, Sally Gates and family of Brooklyn; and eight grandchildren. Bill also leaves behind his very special friend, Doris A. Reed of San Diego, Calif.