

Clifford F. Benton Jr.

Clifford Forest Benton, Jr. of Tiburon, Calif., formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, July 19, 2008, at his home.



A private memorial service is planned. Memorials may be made to one's favorite charity or to Hospice by the Bay.

He was born in Grinnell on Christmas day, Dec. 25, 1924. His first job at the age of 17 was building the Alaska Highway just after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in the United States Navy in World War II and the Korean War after which he graduated from the University of Southern California.

He worked for many years in the field of real estate and insurance in Marin County, Calif., and was a long-time volunteer in the field of suicide prevention. He also enjoyed many years of singing with the Marin Mens Chorus and was an avid golfer and voracious reader.

He is survived by his wife Hatsy; his sons Chris, Bruce, Andrew and Lee; his daughters, Jill Benton-Tardy and Laurie Benton; his stepsons, Burke and Mike Beardsley; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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