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HERB SIHNER



Herbert Howard Sihner, 88, of Orinda, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, July 12. Herb was born on October 21, 1927 in San Francisco to Otto and Martha Sihner. Both of Herb's parents were immigrants from Germany. Herb graduated from Lincoln High School in San Francisco in 1943. He served in the Army with the occupation troops in Japan attached to the Sixth Army Engineers and received an honorable discharge in 1946. He graduated with honors from U.C. Berkeley in 1951 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History of Architecture and Art. Herb started his career working as a planner for Kern County and Alameda County for about six years. In 1960 Herb and his family moved to Orinda after he became employed as a land planner at Lincoln Development Co. of Lafayette. Herb's work soon shifted to site design and architecture. After Lincoln Development he worked as an architect for U.S. Plywood, Champion Paper, and Braddock and Logan. He was a senior partner at Braddock and Logan for the past 40 years. Herb did not know the meaning of the word retirement as he continued working until just a month prior to his passing. He was involved in community service in Orinda as he served on the board of directors of the Orinda Association before the city was incorporated. Herb enjoyed playing tennis for most of his life and was an avid sailor, spending many weekends out on the bay in his sailboat. Herb is survived by his wife, Betsy (Johnson) Sihner; two sons, Christian Sihner and his wife Kathy of Colfax, Calif., Craig Sihner and his wife Martha of Castro Valley, Calif., daughter Wendy Sihner of Walnut Creek, Calif., two stepsons, Michael Furay and his wife Susan of Lafayette, Calif., and Jonathan Furay and his wife Erin Hawker of New York, NY; three grandchildren, Erin and Kelly Furay and Sara Sihner; and a brother, Howard Sihner and his wife Jonnie of Elk Grove, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Ann (Larimer) Sihner in 1973, stepson Christopher Furay in 1993, and his brother Bob Sihner in 2015. A celebration of Herb's life will be held at a future date.

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