

Protest over Postal Service in Orinda



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About 50 people showed up at the Orinda post office Aug. 22 to protest recent cuts to the funding and level of service by the United States Postal Service. The event was one of over a thousand events in all 50 states organized to show support for the USPS, its services and its workers, and to object to recent cuts in the level of service. Attendance was limited to 50 to ensure adequate social distancing. Attendees wore masks. The events were facilitated by MoveOn.org, but organized by local organizers.

Speakers included local organizer

Chad Curran. One woman told how her mother in her 80s relies on medicine to maintain her eyesight. The medicine must remain cold, so it ships in a cold pack. Due to the recent delays in postal service, the cold pack arrived thawed and the medicine was spoiled, so the service cuts are directly affecting her health.

Other speakers talked about how the cuts may affect mail-in balloting. The USPS sent notices to 46 states warning that mail-in ballots may not be able to be processed in time.

— S. O'Doherty

Where's My Ballot is a California program for voters, where they can sign up to track their ballots, see when it is mailed out to them and when it is received back by their county elections department. The link is: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot/?fbclid=IwAR2WqRNT0iihy6rBIRKC8349GTixh-kDUfYrbGAZjPNHdw7QR13n41O4DDI>

In Memory

Mary Margaret DePriester

November 18, 1921 – August 19, 2020

Resident of Moraga, CA



Mary Margaret DePriester was born November 18, 1921 in Munising, Michigan, and passed away peacefully August 19, 2020 at the age of 98. Margaret was a graduate of the University of Michigan and an elementary school teacher. She was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians. Margaret and her husband Coral were longtime residents of Moraga and were part of the town incorporation committee.

Margaret was the first woman to serve on the Moraga Planning Commission, was twice elected to the Town Council, and served two terms as Mayor of Moraga. She was Moraga's Citizen of the Year in 1986.

Her community activities included two years

as President of the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette AAUW and she was a recipient of their Distinguished Woman award in 1975; President of the Moraga Historical Society and chair of the committee that raised funds for construction of the Moraga History Center, serving as an archivist at the Center.

Margaret was a past president of the Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club. For several years, she was a member of the Advisory Board of the Hearst Art Gallery, and both she and her husband were Honorary Alumni of Saint Mary's College. Margaret served nine years on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Northern California, one year as president. She chaired, for two years, the board of directors of the Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Northern California. Margaret was the founding president of the Hacienda de Moraga Foundation.

She is survived by her daughter Susan Freeman (Tim), her son Bruce (Sharon), four grandsons and five great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Coral, to whom she was married for 69 years.

The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to the caring staff of Moraga Royale and Suncrest Hospice.

A celebration of Margaret's life will be arranged at a later date.

Donations in Margaret's memory may be sent to Planned Parenthood of Northern California, 2185 Pacheco Street, Concord, CA 94520, or the Moraga Historical Society, P.O. Box 103, Moraga CA 94556, for use at the History Center.

In Memory

H. Edward Zuber

June 19, 1941 – Aug. 12, 2020



Ed Zuber has rounded the bases for a final time. ... He is safe at home.

Born to Anna Reuther and George Zuber who immigrated from Germany and settled in Los Angeles. Ed grew up on West 59th Street. His father passed when Ed was only 6 years old and he was raised by his mother.

At Dorsey High School, Ed met the love of his life, his muse and soulmate, Kathy, "The Redhead." Last June they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Their love and commitment to each other and their family was an inspiration.

A USC Trojan fan since childhood, Ed graduated from the university in 1943 with a degree in public administration. After graduating, he joined Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in its sales management

training program and rose through the ranks during his 43-year career retiring in 2007 as the Western Regional Director.

Ed elevated Liberty Mutual's western region to prominence and won several awards and accolades for his division's performance and leadership. There was a saying that "what started in California eventually rippled across the rest of the country."

Ed was a passionate leader and mentor to many during his career and kept in close touch with colleagues who became dear friends over the years.

In 1974, Ed moved his family, including his mom, to Moraga, California as part of a job transfer where he planted deep roots in the Bay Area as a resident for the next 46 years.

Realizing there was no baseball program where his son Jon could play locally, Ed founded the Moraga Baseball Association (MBA) in 1977 which still teaches kids the love of the game today. Coach Zuber or "Zube" as he was affectionately known impacted the lives of hundreds of kids through the MBA teaching valuable life skills such as discipline, perseverance, commitment, a strong work ethic and good sportsmanship.

Off the field, Zube was a leader instilling those same virtues in his employees. While he could be tough, his big bark was often followed by a small bite! While he motivated people to reach their highest potential, he remained fiercely loyal; if you were on Zube's team, you knew he always had your back.

He took great pride in following his players throughout their lives and supporting them in their personal and professional endeavors.

When his son Jon's baseball career took off, there was nothing Ed liked to do more than watch his games and later when Jon coached baseball at UC Berkeley, California, Ed relished his job as the public address announcer at the Cal field. He channeled his inner Vin Scully, emulating the legendary Dodgers announcer, and read up on the stats and personal histories of each player to keep fans engaged and interested.

A committed sports super fan, in the fall Ed would journey south for USC football games, often with his daughter Lynda, where he would connect with friends from childhood. They enjoyed traveling to the Orange Bowl, multiple Rose Bowls, and to Germany to visit family.

In the spring, Ed could be found cheering on the Oakland A's where he loved bringing friends, colleagues, and of course Kathy to spend a few hours at the yard, watching the game but more importantly spending time and swapping stories with those he loved.

A loyal and devoted family man, Ed was proud of his children who he always made time for regardless of what was going on. In later years, his grandchildren, Madison and Tatum, were the great joys of his life. He loved picking them up from school, cheering them on from the sidelines while they played sports, seeing the world through their eyes as they traveled to Disneyland, Hawaii and Mammoth together.

He was a giant to many, a legend to some, and will hold a special place in our hearts forever. In lieu of flowers, Ed would have wanted you to raise a glass, make a toast and share your favorite memory of time spent with him.

A celebration of his life will be planned post-COVID.

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In Memory

Lawrence Edward Phillips

May 6, 1933 – Aug. 13, 2020



Lawrence Edward Phillips, "Larry", age 87, formerly of Malta, Montana, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020 at John Muir Hospital in Concord, California of heart failure.

Larry was born on May 6, 1933 in Glasgow, Montana to the late Walter (William) and Tennie (Hawkins) Phillips and was the youngest of three boys. Lawrence and his brothers grew up on a large sheep ranch in Phillips County, with no electricity or other modern conveniences 22 miles from the nearest town, Malta, Montana.

Phillips County was named after the late senator and Larry's grandfather, Benjamin D. Phillips. The boys spent their childhood riding horses, shooting magpies, playing in the barn and climbing trees. After the

depression, cold winters, World War II and the drought, the family moved to Oakland, California. Larry attended Piedmont High School and was awarded Eagle Scout by the National Council of The Boy Scouts of America for Troop 2 in 1950.

After graduation, Larry attended UC Berkeley and then went on to graduate from UCSF School of Dentistry. He was awarded UC Dental School Man of the Year in 1956. Larry was employed as a pediatric dentist for two years in Walnut Creek and then he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Verdun, France for three years as a Captain and worked in the dental clinic on the army base. During his time in France, Larry lived life to the fullest! He was a member of the U.S. Army Golf Team and explored Europe with friends from the service.

After leaving the military, Larry worked at a busy dental clinic on Santa Clara Avenue in Alameda, California for more than 20 years and was involved in the Alameda Elks Lodge, Sierra Club, American Dental Association, California Alumni Association, and Encinal Yacht Club. Larry was a competitive sailor at the helm of Sprite, a Cal 20. Larry, along with his brother Glen, won many races in the San Francisco Bay.

Larry met the love of his life and partner of 51 years, Diane Dougherty, at a Sierra Club event in Oakland in 1964. Diane and Larry married at Christ Episcopal Church in Alameda on May 17, 1969 and had one daughter, Karen, a few years later. After many wonderful years in Alameda, the family moved to Orinda, California.

Larry was a true adventurer throughout life and spent his free time hiking, skiing, fishing, golfing and traveling. Diane and Larry would spend each winter in Florida and every fall the couple would pick a new place to visit. Summers were often spent camping with family and friends in Donner Euer Valley in Tahoe. Later in life Larry "Papa" was constantly surrounded by his four loving grandchildren including Benjamin (15), Joseph (13), Johnny (10) and Grace (4) who also reside in Orinda. The children loved Papa's stories from ranching days, adventures in the army and his travels around the world. Larry spent several hours each week reading, building models, and teaching the importance of brushing teeth to each of his grandchildren. Larry will be truly missed!

"What I love about Papa most is when he hugs me," said Grace, age 4, on Aug. 13. Larry was kind, patient, loving, diligent, bright and caring. Larry's older brother, Donald, preceded him in death. Larry is survived by his beloved wife Diane Dougherty Phillips and brother Glen Phillips, daughter Karen Phillips Boccabella, son-in-law John R. Boccabella, grandchildren, Benjamin, Joseph, Johnny and Grace Boccabella as well as numerous wonderful relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations are made in the name of Lawrence Edward Phillips to the Truckee Donner Land Trust (a registered 501c3) to support their mission to preserve and protect open space in the Northern Sierra. Donations can be sent to Truckee Donner Land Trust, PO Box 8816, Truckee CA 96162 or online@ <https://www.truckeedonnerlandtrust.org/ways-to-give>