



## Max Devoe Poling

February 26, 1930 - May 21, 2019

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2/26/30 – 5/21/19

Max Devoe Poling born in Huntington Indiana passed away in Escondido California at the age of 89. He is survived by his Wife Esther and five children Catherine, David, Diana, Tom, and William.

Max was an only child although, his cousin Grace lived with them for several years. Max played tennis and rode Whizzer motorbikes and graduated from Huntington High School in 1948. He was a member of the Nation Honor Society and the Masque and Gavel club. He was in the senior class play “Our Hearts Were Young and Gay” and played the role of Steward.

Max absolutely found the love of his life, Esther, in high school, while working the Caswell-Runyan Co. cedar chest factory. This is where his life began

In 1948 he joined the US Air Force. Max and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sargent Technical in 1952. After enlisting, Max aced the aptitude test and impressed Air Force. In 1949, He went to Fort Francis E. Warren in Wyoming to become a draftsman and graduated top student with honors. After graduating June 7th, he returned to Huntington to marry Esther. He was then stationed at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana with his new wife. In 1950, Catherine was born at Barksdale AFB. He did cartography for USAF Strategic Air Command. He became a technical aid to General Curtis LeMay. General Lemay personally asked Max to continue as his aid, but when he found out Max was going to Purdue he told Max to go to college.

After the USAF, he attended Purdue University, had David in 1955 and graduated in 1956 with a B.S in Mechanical Engineering.

Max took his first job at Louis Allis in Milwaukee working with industrial motors. There they had Diana in 1956. He moved to California as a sales representative for Louis Allis.

Living in Anaheim CA, Max started a business rebuilding and selling electric motors. He became the west coast representative for Emerson Motors. Esther managed the business and finances. In the late 1960 Max entered the plastics market selling Wellman nylon. As his business grew he gained the Farris take-off machine distributorship and sold molding

machines and extruders.

In the 1960s he purchased an old olive factory in Brea. He tore down some old buildings and ran his business there working on motors, plastic industry equipment, and selling nylon to molding and extruding companies. In 1980, they added some buildings Brea property grew to 16 industrial rental units.

In 1961 they moved to a home in Fullerton. There Tom, in 1961, and Bill, in 1963, were born. In 1975, Mai Nguyen, came to live with them. She was a refugee from Viet Nam. Zoila Yanes came to Fullerton in 1979 and cared for Max and Esther for 40 years. Max and Esther lived in the Fullerton house for 57 years.

Max was so much more than a veteran, husband, father, engineer and businessman. He loved his children so much. He took care of them anyway he could. His love and support extend well beyond his immediate family Max was fun and loving but strong and motivational when needed. He was driven to succeed in his own life. He wasn't scared to live life to its fullest. He took on challenges, took risks, and was a big success.

He did spectacular things with his wife and family. He took 4 of his kids on an 810 mile bike ride across the Virginia Blue Ridge mountains. He bought 2 Jet Skis and we tore up the Carlsbad Lagoon. He camped with his family. He was always there to help his children whatever struggles they faced. Max took you on adventures. He made everyone feel special. He loved Esther's adventurous side. As partners, they made so many great decisions. They traveled the world. They took risks and worked hard to make it all work. Max was a people person. He would talk to everyone in restaurant and if there was a baby, he would always stop to see it. He loved to tell jokes. Max brought joy to everything he did.

Max loved everyone he met. He loved his wife. He loved his family. He loved his children. Max was a great man and we will all walk in his shadow.

We lost our loving father to Dementia. Our loving sister is struggling with early onset Alzheimer's. Please join us in supporting the fight against these terrible diseases.

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# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Memory Garden Memorial Park** **MAY**  
455 West Central Avenue  
Brea, CA, 92821

**30**

**Visitation** 02:00PM - 02:30PM

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Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary  
455 W. Central Ave., Brea, CA, US, 92821

**MAY**  
**30**

**Funeral Service**

02:30PM

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Memory Garden Memorial Park  
455 West Central Avenue, Brea, CA, US, 92821

# Comments

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“ Harold and Jane Weaver and Family purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Max Devoe Poling.



Harold and Jane Weaver and Family - May 29, 2019 at 12:46 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Max Devoe Poling.



May 29, 2019 at 08:58 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Max Devoe Poling.



May 28, 2019 at 11:39 PM

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“ Hughes family purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Max Devoe Poling.



Hughes family - May 28, 2019 at 02:24 PM

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“ Teresa Allen lit a candle in memory of Max Devoe Poling



Teresa Allen - May 27, 2019 at 11:41 PM

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“ Dear Esther and family. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. You were both such great role models always seeing the best in people  
I remember the time my family came out to visit and the adults went out. You left Diana to babysit us and Berry got locked out in the backyard with only a diaper on. All the good times Deanna and I had as well. What special memories. I am unable to make it there but would have loved to come to support all of you. Am busy working full time at a Urology office as a phone nurse. Alyssa just bought a house in Avalon addition in Waynedale and we help watch her son 4 nights a week while she works. Krista is so busy either her 3 kids as well. May you find comfort in knowing that Max will be entering the gates of heaven and rejoicing with all of our loved ones who are waiting to welcome him home  
All my love. Teresa Allen daughter of William and Marcia Weaver

Teresa Allen - May 27, 2019 at 11:39 PM

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“ Aunt Esther and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Uncle Max was a man's man and seemed to be successful with everything he touched. Perhaps that was because of his upbringing or more likely perhaps of the woman he married. I'm so glad that you were life partners and best friends. You traveled the world together, raised a family and built a business. So much to be thankful for. I wish I could be there in person to pay my respects, but between my work schedule and my son graduating high school I just can't make that happen. I love you very much and our prayers are with and for you.

Troy Stephens and family  
(Marjorie's Grandson - Jerry's son)

**Troy Stephens** - May 25, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ Esther, sorry to hear about your loss.  
Always remember the good times with Marjorie and Richard. Prayers for you throughout this difficult time of the loss of your loved one.

**Pam Fields** - May 25, 2019 at 08:51 PM

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“ Dear Esther,  
I think it was about 1987 when your little blue Buick came into the parking lot of my center. We laughed at the license plate that said "Max's Gal". As I got to know you and you shared about Max and your children I realized what a close and tight knit family you were and are now. Max was your greatest friend I know. Your relationship was a real model for couples who worked and played together.  
I think about you often. Please always know you can reach out.  
Take good care and think about the many good memories you two have shared over the years.  
Love,  
Jane Shellhouse

**Jane Shellhouse** - May 24, 2019 at 08:01 PM

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“ Dear Esther  
It is with great sadness that we write this message. We are truly sorry for your loss, we hope that you and your family can take some comfort in knowing how loved his was. We are sending love, prayers and courage as you embark on this very sad journey. Please know we are here for you any time you need us.  
Your Soroptimist Sisters at Brea/LaHabra

**Vanessa Perkins, SIBLH** - May 24, 2019 at 04:54 PM