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Frank Wilson Vigil, age 95, died on August 18th, 2019, at his home in Brea, CA, surrounded by his family.

Frank is survived by his sister, Ruby Gonzales, of Dolores, CO; his five children; Leigh Ann Fowler (Bill) of Acworth, GA, Ron Vigil of La Habra, CA, Karen Vigil of Brea, CA, Mark Vigil (Janice) of Riverside, CA and Kathy Vigil of Simi Valley, CA; three grandchildren; Jonathan, Jason and Mason; and one great-grandchild; Bradley. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen; his siblings; Nellie, Susie, Alex, Julian, Rebecca, Juanita, Rudy and Rosie.

Frank was born on July 23, 1924 in Dolores, CO, to parents Alexander and Pasqualita Vigil. After graduating from Dolores High School in 1942, he worked summer jobs with the forest service while attending Colorado University for one year, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in Sept. 1943. He was honorably discharged in May 1946 as a Seaman First Class. He continued his college education where he later graduated from Adams State

College in Alamosa, CO. While in college, he met his wife Helen and in 1951, they were married in Alamosa, CO and later lived in Denver CO. After graduating from college, he taught electronics at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver before moving to California in 1954. He accepted a position as a Flight Test Engineer at North American Aviation in Downey, CA (later changed to Rockwell International). He worked on the Saturn/Apollo moon-landing program, Global Positioning System (GPS) program, the Space Shuttle test program supporting launch and orbital operations and finally on the missile defense initiative. He retired from Rockwell International in May, 1992.

Frank was a social, active man who was deeply involved in his family life. He enjoyed fly fishing, bowling, and gambling (poker/blackjack/craps). He had a large circle of friends with who he enjoyed attending plays, traveling both domestic/international and group gatherings.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, or made online at www.DementiaSociety.org/donate.

Cemetery Details

Memory Garden Memorial Park

455 West Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821
<http://www.memorygarden.com>

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 25. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

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Rosary

AUG 25. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Angela Merici Church
585 S. Walnut Ave.
Brea, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Frank W. Vigil.* ”



August 22, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ *Kathy Vigil lit a candle in memory of Frank W. Vigil* ”



Kathy Vigil - August 20, 2019 at 05:47 PM