



Joseph F. Tondre

August 16, 1924 - March 24, 2017

1924-2017

Joseph F. Tondre Jr., age 92, passed away on March 24, 2017, in Pismo Beach, California. He was born in Los Lunas, NM, to Joseph F. Tondre and Ruth Powers Tondre. Joe known as “Bipsy” in the family, grew up in Los Lunas with four young sisters. His UNM education was interrupted by a two and a half year stint in the Army. In the final months of WWII, he received four overseas medals while serving with General George Patton’s Third Army in France and Germany. In 1982, he self- published a book titled, “Letters Home.” The book chronicled his time in the Army from basic training to discharge through the letters he had written to his mother. After the war, Joe graduated from UNM and then moved to California. He began working in the produce business, ultimately spending most of his career as the manager of Phelan and Taylor. He resided in Pismo Beach and was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. He was an usher, a volunteer in the church rectory and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Joe loved to travel and kept in close contact with family in California and New Mexico. He visited often with his parents, his four sisters, cousins, the Davila’s, Gallegos’s, Alarid’s and Powers. Joe is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Anne Williams and Ruth Broussard. He is survived by his sisters, Katy Lang and Patsy Patterson; brothers-in-law, Doug Peterson and James Williams; eleven nephews and four nieces. A Funeral Mass was held in California. At a later date a Mass will take place in Los Lunas and he will be interred next to his parents in the family

plot in the Campo Santo in Los Lentes.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Joseph IV----if my memory serves correctly. Yes I knew you as Bipsy also in conversations with your Mother or two older sisters. I might be mistaken but can't recall your Father using it----the greatest of gentlemen. We never knew one another after H.S.. My most vivid recollection of our times together is, strangely, a movie! I believe it was at the Sunshine showing of Snowwhite---the most lengthy any of us had ever known. Attending besides you and I was Ann, Patsy, Mary and Charlie D. Regret, greatly, that I failed to use the phone number I've had for you the last year of your illness. Regards to your survivors with best wishes...
Richard West

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