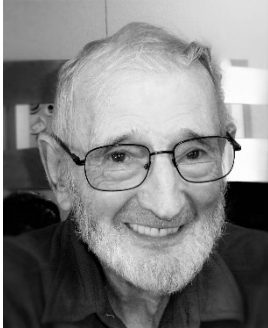


## Rolf Bruckner

September 10, 1922-November 25, 2015



**Rolf Bruckner**, 93, passed away peacefully November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Placerville, CA. He is survived by son, Eric Bruckner of Gilroy, daughter, Susanna and Ken Pohl of Placerville and in-laws Bob and Dorothy Daw of Santa Ana. He leaves grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and lifelong friends.

He married Elizabeth in 1946 (deceased 2014) and they raised Susanna, Eric and Kurt (deceased 2007). During his career, he was a Contractor, Sheet Metal Instructor at Department of Corrections and Counselor/Dean of Vocational Education at Gavilan College.

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bruckner served aboard PT 127 in WWII during combat in Surigosa Strait in 1944. In Korea, he ran the metal shop on Guam. In 1994, he and twelve grey-haired PT Boat Veterans went to work in Portland, Oregon to transform PT 658 into the only fully operational PT boat in the world. After thirteen+ years and thousands of volunteer hours, it was christened and launched. Rolf requested donations, in lieu of flowers, be made to: *Save the PT Boat, Inc., P.O. Box 13422, Portland, OR 97213* to build a Waterfront Heritage Museum. Donations are tax deductible to this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Memorial is on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 beginning 2 pm, at Gilroy Presbyterian Church, 6000 Miller Ave. Reception follows in Fellowship Hall.