

## Jack C. Keeler (1923-2010)

Jack Keeler, of Fairfield, CA, died peacefully on January 16, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. Jack was born in San Rafael, CA on April 20, 1923, to James and Bertha Keeler. The family moved to Vallejo, CA where Jack attended public school and graduated from Vallejo High School in 1941. After graduation he worked at nearby Mare Island Shipyard. Then in February, 1943, Jack joined the armed services. He received his commission and served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force. Jack flew 30 missions as a B-17 pilot over Germany and received the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and a Purple Heart among other medals.

After the war, Jack was a beneficiary of the GI Bill attending the College of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. He married Jean Vorwerk, also of Vallejo, in May of 1947; subsequently they moved to Fairfield where Jack was a partner in Perkins & Keeler, an insurance and real estate brokerage business which later became the Jack Keeler Company. Jack was a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and the Society of Real Estate Appraisers holding the MAI and SREA designations from those professional organizations. Jack was an expert on condemnation appraisal and an instructor for both the Institute and the Society. He finally retired from his appraisal business on December 31, 2008.



Jack was active in the community; he was a member of the Green Valley Country Club, Elks, Kiwanis, a life member of Ducks Unlimited, California Waterfowl Association, a sustaining member of the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, and the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society.

Jack was an avid snow skier and duck hunter. His last ski season ended in March, 2009 when he was diagnosed with renal cancer.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Ralph. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jean, his children and their spouses: Ken Keeler (Susan), Kathleen Kelleher (Dennis) as well as his granddaughter, Amy, niece, Kellie Mattson, nephews Grant and Kenton Keeler, step grandsons, Daniel and Jeffrey, and step great granddaughter, Lilly.

Donations in Jack's memory can be made to the NorthBay Healthcare Foundation, 1200 B. Gale Wilson Blvd, Fairfield, 94533.

Services will be private.