



Theodore Malcom Christensen

November 17, 1923 - January 4, 2019

Ted Christensen, resident of Laguna Woods Village, passed away peacefully on January 4 at the age of 95. Ted was born in Canada, near Toronto, on November 17, 1923. His family of five boys moved to a farm near Howell, Michigan in 1927. Shortly after graduation from high school, Ted joined the U.S. Air Force and was a gunner in the Eighth Air Force in World War II. After three years in the service, he moved to California and attended the University of California at Berkeley. In 1951, he graduated as a civil engineer.

Ted became a licensed structural engineer and was a member of the firm Wheeler and Gray Consulting Engineers for over 45 years.

Ted and his wife Betty moved from the Pasadena area to Laguna Woods Village in 2006. His loving wife passed away in 2013. Ted is survived by his stepdaughter Stephanie, brother Charley, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army of Southern California, salvationarmy-socal.org, 562-264-3672.

FOR RECEPTION:

Please enter through Laguna Woods Gate 10 (Santa Maria Avenue at Avenida Sosiega) and tell the gatehouse attendant you're there for the memorial service for Ted Christensen.

Cemetery

Events

El Toro Memorial Park
25751 Trabuco Road
Lake Forest, CA, 92630

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Funeral Mass

09:00AM - 10:00AM

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

24252 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA, US, 92637

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Graveside with Military Honors

10:30AM

El Toro Memorial Park

25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest, CA, US, 92630

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Reception

11:00AM - 02:00PM

Laguna Woods Clubhouse 6

24061 Algarrobo, Laguna Woods, CA, US, 92637

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“ To Ted's family from Bob Jensen

I met Ted in 1959 at a construction project at Thiokol Chemical Corporation near Brigham City, Utah. Ted had come to Northern Utah to inspect a project under construction that Wheeler & Gray had performed the structural engineering on. I was a Junior Engineer representing the owner of the project. This first visit resulted in subsequent meetings with Ted and Bill Wheeler and finally with an offer of employment by Wheeler & Gray.

In June 1960 we moved to Southern California and my employment by Wheeler & Gray began, lasting 34 years.

Ted was a mentor to me and a friend as well as a colleague. He was bull headed , in the office and we clashed quite often on engineering and personnel matters.

However, there was never hard feelings for either of us and this meant a lot to me.

We had a good understanding and this is why I feel our friendship continued through the years. He called me last fall to talk about college football and we tentatively scheduled to get together sometime this winter when we were in the area.

Ted encouraged me to become involved with the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California resulting in committee service and my serving on the Board of Directors. His influence on me and support in the profession was significant.

A couple of Ted's traits that stand out to me: He called a spade a spade and had an opinion on about everything. He was extremely loyal to Bill Wheeler and Wheeler & Gray. In his way, he was kind and considerate which was evident to me by observing his relationship with Elana and Betty when we got together for lunch when I was in Los Angeles. Ted was a good friend, my mentor and colleague for which I am very grateful. I will remember him.

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