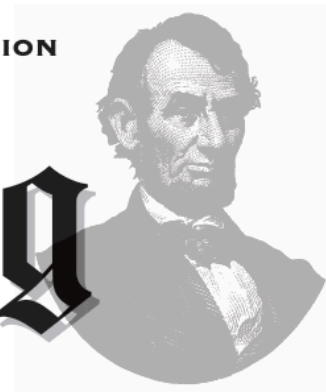




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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

President's Message

By Jon Woo

Students in the Class of 2029 have now arrived in the halls of Lincoln and joining them are a whole new administrative team. We welcome Marisol Arkin, the new principal of Lincoln and bid farewell to Shari Balisi Manalang. Ms. Balisi was Principal of the Year in 2024 after taking over for Barnaby Payne in 2019.

In Alumni Association News, there are continuing changes with the Log. The newsletter remains an effective way to communicate with our Alumni supporters and we are grateful that you are still here as we continue modernizing and stabilizing the Alumni Lincoln Log. Due to an increased cost in producing this newsletter in digital and printed formats, you can now expect two printed editions of the Log, per year, going forward. We invite you to check our website for continuing information in between editions—and also encourage you to sign up to receive an e-mailed version of the Log as opposed to the print version. The print version isn't going away, but the electronic version allows us to continue to deliver the same engaging publication while helping to keep our operating costs down. If you are interested in an e-mailed version of the log, please send an e-mail to linalum@lincolnalumni.com



HIGHLIGHT

New Marquee Puts Lincoln Events Out Front

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

Lincoln's historic campus now has a new, state-of-the-art marquee!



Letter from the Editor

By Amy Alexander

Welcome back! We hope that all our fellow Mustangs Alumni had a great summer. Thanks to everyone who attended the 2025 Wall of Fame Ceremony in April 2025. It was a resounding success, as you'll see from our report in this edition of the Lincoln Log.

Also in this edition, we pay tribute to three Abraham Lincoln High School stalwarts, former U.S. Democratic Representative John L. Burton, who passed away on Sept. 7, 2025. Rep. Burton, a Lincoln class of 1950 alumni, was in the inaugural group of Wall of Fame honorees; we also recognize Col. Robert Powell, Jr., former head of the Junior ROTC program who passed away in April; we also celebrate Lincoln's legendary football team coach, Phil Ferrigno, who is hanging up his cleats after many dedicated years leading the Mustangs to championships. We'll also highlight recent class reunions and let you know about upcoming class reunions scheduled for this fall and winter. It is very inspiring to know that so many Mustang Alumni continue to stay in touch with their fellow classmates, and that Mustang Alumni continue to stand as enthusiastic boosters of Lincoln High.

We also share in this edition updates about donations. Your generous contributions to the Lincoln Alumni Association's student scholarship fund are greatly appreciated: Find out in this edition how to contribute, as well as how to join or renew your membership to the Alumni Association. Thanks again for all you do, and we look forward to seeing you at reunion and fundraising events this year!



Join and/or Renew Your Membership

Join the Alumni Association and pay your dues, Contact us today!



FEATURE



Lincoln High's Football Community Celebrates Coach Phil's Long Career

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

Story and photo courtesy of Mitch Stephens, SF Chronicle

For more than two decades, Mustang Football head coach Phil Ferrigno served as the dedicated and strategic force that led the team to multiple city and statewide high school championships. The Lincoln High Alumni Association salutes Coach Phil, and wishes him the best as he begins his next chapter—Chairman of Lincoln's Physical Ed Department. Below is an excerpt of the San Francisco Chronicle's April 7, 2025 report on Coach Phil's amazing career leading the Mustang football squad.

Legendary Lincoln High School Football coach Phil Ferrigno resigns but will still preach 'dedication, discipline and desire' as PE Chairman

The most recognizable and successful high school football coach since the turn of the century, from one of the country's most recognizable cities, announced Monday that he's stepping away for health reasons. He does so with no regrets.

Phil Ferrigno told his Lincoln of San Francisco team Monday afternoon that after 22 seasons, 10 section and three state championships that 2024 was his last as head coach.

The 62-year-old will stay on as chairman of the school's physical education department and will mentor his players from a distance, no doubt still passing on his three 'D' principles he's hammered home for part of five decades as a football coach: Dedication, discipline and desire. He leaves with a head coaching record at Lincoln of 158-89 which isn't as impressive as the legacy of consistency, toughness and straight ahead, no-nonsense approach.

Both on the field and in the classroom.

Ferrigno is as proud of the program's 100% graduation rate since he took over in 2002 as his 19 playoff appearances and 15 spots in the Turkey Day Game, a Thanksgiving affair that doubles as the Academic Athletic Association/San Francisco Section title game. He was inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame in June.

He's a city kid through and through, graduating in 1980 from Riordan, where he played before stints at CCSF and San Francisco State. He then embarked on a 42-year coaching career with previous time at Riordan, CCSF, Sacred Heart Cathedral and Mission.

"It's time to step away and ride off into the sunset," Ferrigno said an hour after telling about 30 of his team players. "The kids were great about it. Once they knew the reasons." Junior tailback Mikey Washington, the AAA's 2024 co-Offensive Player of the Year, was jarred by the news, but then relieved by Ferrigno's ultimate message.

"He's a great coach and a great man and we're going to miss him," said the highly productive tailback, one in a long line of workhorse backs who rushed for 1,942 yards and 27 touchdowns in 11 games last season.

"At the same time, for him to prioritize his family and his health is absolutely the right thing to do.

"Besides, at the end of the day, he'll still be there for us."





2025 Wall of Fame Ceremony

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

Pictured: 2025 Wall of Fame Honorees Rev. Dr. Frederick Haynes, Dr. Helen Dilworth, Retired VP/Teacher Gilbert Chung

Honoring Inspirational Alumni and a Beloved Educator

The Wall of Fame dinner was held on Monday, April 28th at the Family Club in San Francisco. Two alums were honored: Dr. Rev. Frederick Haynes, III (S1978), the first African-American Valedictorian at Lincoln, who is now Senior Pastor at Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Helen Dilworth (F1960), soprano and educator. The Distinguished Teacher honoree was retired teacher/Vice Principal Gilbert Chung. Alumni Association scholarship winners also were present and received funds totalling more than \$90,000. A fabulous evening was had by all who attended!



2025 Wall of Fame Joyous Moment: Support Staff of the Alumni Association Is-e Hogan celebrates with ALHS student scholarship recipients.



REUNION REPORT

REUNION STORIES

1957 & 1958 Joint Reunion Luncheon

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff



Pictured: Bill, Denise & Jimmy - at the PTSA Crab Feed

In March, the classes of 1957 and 1958 held a joint reunion luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center in San Francisco, with about 75 attending. The spirited event even drew a few members from other classes, including 1959 grads! There are many friendships between the classes, and the event was a great success. One attendee summed up the joyous gathering in three words: "Nobody left early!" Plans are already in the works for another reunion next year.



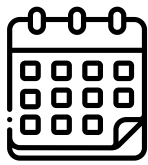
REUNION STORIES

Lasting Friendships: Spring 1966 Mustangs Reunited

By Pat (Cavanaugh) Dillon

Pictured: Pat (Cavanaugh) Dillon, Sue (Roth) Molinari, Carole (Simon) Mills, Kathy (Dutton) Moriarity, Cella Mitchell, Jean (Nabhan) Wilson, Jan (Dyer) Miller, Sheila (Sullivan) Mahoney, Anne (Baskin) Courtney and our honorary Mustang Marilyn (Clayton) Schaumburg (Lowell Grad).

The length of friendships in our group of ten ranges from 56 to 68 years in length. We have gotten together with one another many times since we graduated from our respective classes. We've danced at each other's weddings, our children's weddings and celebrated the births of our babies. More importantly, we are always there for each other. At the start of the pandemic in 2020, we started a DAILY text thread that is still going strong. We share thoughts, sayings, family activities, pictures and more. We share laughs and disappointments as if we were sitting together in the same room. We have gathered for high tea, lunches and fun getaways. We've cheered on each other's grandchildren in their activities. Our lives are intertwined in a way you'd only see through long-lasting friendships and the special kind connection that forms during high school. We all may not live in the same city anymore but we still live within each other's hearts. We had an amazing time at our joint reunion earlier this year!



CALENDAR



REUNIONS

Save the Date



60th Year of Graduation

Date: May 16, 2026

Location: Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

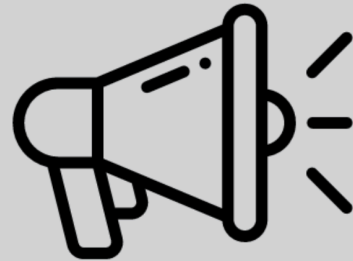
Details: Classes of S66, S65, and F65 are getting together to celebrate



UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETINGS

Held on the
first Tuesday of every month
6:30pm via Zoom
for more info contact
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Do you need help planning
a reunion or alumni event?

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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

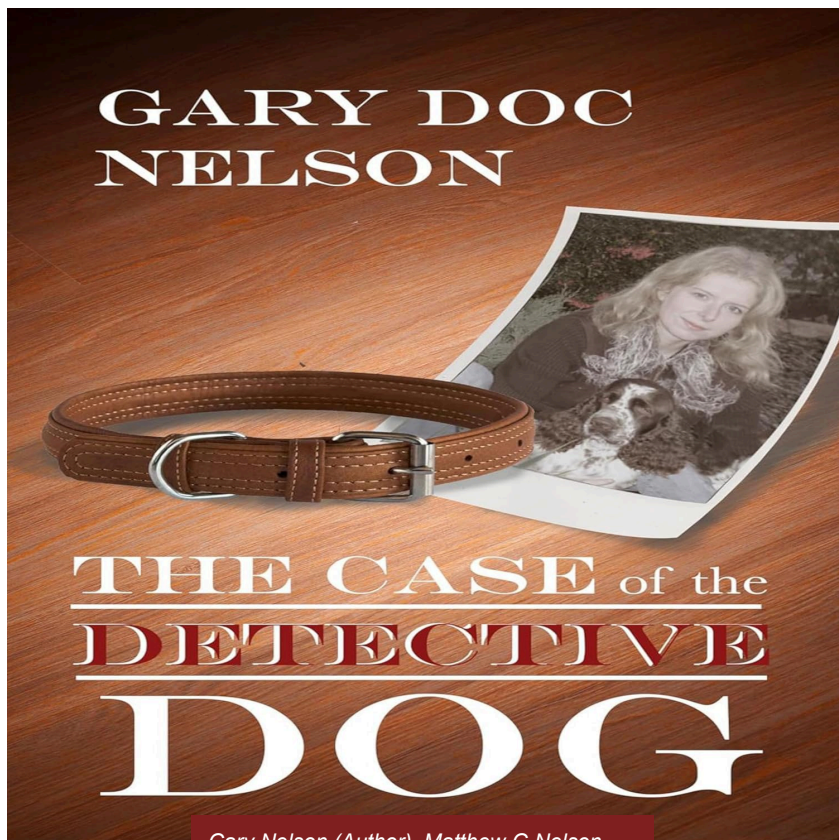


ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Musical Reunion

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

Wall of Fame honoree Larry Vuckovich (S1956) performed at a recent local concert at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek in August. Alumni Association Team Support Member Is-e Hogan was in the audience.



Gary Nelson (Author), Matthew G Nelson (Narrator), Waterside Productions (Publisher)

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Gary Nelson Publishes First Novel

By Lincoln Log Alumni Staff

Gary Nelson (S1958) a retired Dentist in Marin County, and Coach and Director of Athletics at USF, published "The Case of the Detective Dog" (Audible Audiobook available on Amazon). A dog's love for her master provides the clues that the police need for solving the disappearance of a young woman who works for a multimillion dollar charitable foundation. Rob MacKay is asked by the owner of the foundation to find the woman. When police discover that twenty-eight million dollars are missing, the case becomes more complicated, exposing the sometimes sordid dealings of the Silicon Valley's tech community.



SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Dianne (DeLauff) Easton (F1959)
in Memory of her brothers, H. Robert (S62) and Donald (F64) as
well as in Memory of Gary Spratling (S59)

Boris Becker S1957

JEFF STAHL SCHOLARSHIP

Barbara Holman, S1956

Bill Buckley Scholarship
Donna (O'Leary) Ryan S59

Tina Sankoff (S1959)
memory of her brother Steve Sankoff (S1958).

1955 Men's Club
Fred Plowman S1955

Rick Boyle Scholarship
Don MacLean F1961

Bill Buckley Memorial Scholarship
Estate of James Buckley S1959 and Margaret
Buckley (daughter of Bill Buckley)

GENERAL FUNDS

The class of 1974 - from their reunion

Sally (Shainsky) Lemons F1949

Linda (Clayton) Boyd S1965 (In Memory of Diane Carlsen S1964)

Art S56 & Arlene F57 (Crabb) Citron (In Memory of Stan Manning
S56)

Art S56 & Arlene F57 (Crabb) Citron (In Memory of Robert Barker
S56)

**Thanks for donating to funding the Wall of Fame scholarship
dinners**
Barbara Holman, S1956

Norm Stahl F1966

Rhonwyn (Frank) House F1959

David Whitehead S1964

Peter Whitehead S1956

Frank Treanor S1962 (In memory of Dave Kannisto S1962)

ANNUAL GIVING

Kathleen Copeland (In Memory of **Robert Copeland** S1947)
William Mhyre (S1965) (In Memory of **Charlie Edwards** S1964)
Steven Shakin S1963
June (Spinetti) Heise S1952
Herb Moses S1971
Kevin McCarthy S1969
Jeff Felix F1957
Eleanor Holland = Retired Faculty - (In Memory of Nancy Koch)
Julie (Lundberg) Alden S1955
Pat Crocker S1969
Elise (Piscopos) Stupi S1977
Carolyn (Olsen) Clark S1956

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andre Armand S57
Suzanne (Carney) Ricci F61
Gary Schumacher S63
Rena Tang

WELCOME BACK:
Laurene (Lund) Andrews S60

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:
Rev. Dr. Frederick Haynes S1978
Dr. Helen Dilworth F1960



SCHOLARSHIPS CONT.

Congratulations to the 2025 Scholarship Winners

The Clyde White Scholarship for Academic Achievement in Math or Science

Anabelle Pang, Kelly Du, Florence Gong, Isabelle Lam, Natalie Liang, Quincy Fong-McAdams, Nghi Nham, and Minglin (Benji) Pan

The Ted Soulis Scholarship for Art

McKinley Greenberg

The Whitehead Family Scholarship

Emily Shispinski

The Car Show Scholarship

Teo Carter & Llyas Abdolcader

The Bill Mustanich Scholarship in Memory of Bill Mustanich, A WWII Veteran, for JROTC

Cecilia Liang

The Sandra Blair & Carol Cohen Scholarship for Social Justice

Emma Li

The Sandra Blair & Carol Cohen Scholarship for Environmental Justice

Joanna Ma

The Mark Litke Scholarship for Journalism

Shridavi Raghavan & Khoi Nguyen

The Diane Warden Currier Memorial Scholarship for English

Celaya Loucheur

The Jeanne-Marie Pannier Soderquist Scholarship for Career Academics

Joselyn Marroquin

The Gordon W. Gribble & Class of F1958 Science Scholarship

Jingyan (Jenny) Liang

The John E. Conner Memorial Scholarship

Hayden Leung

The Florence & Eddie O'Malley Memorial Scholarship

Ashen Blumberg

The Ted Soulis Scholarship for Athletic Achievement

Jayden Chao

The Charlotte, Paul & Peter Forrette Memorial Scholarship

Jayden Domingcil

The Kenyatta Scott Memorial Scholarship

Eliseo Lopez

The Jeff Stahl Memorial Scholarship

Anthony Bocog

The Bob Kahn (S1955) Memorial Scholarship

Hala Abdelfattah

The Class of 1955 Men's Club Scholarship

Kevin Zhao

The Bill Buckley Memorial Scholarship

Hillary Bou

The Bill Mason Memorial Scholarship in Recognition of President Abraham Lincoln

Sergei Tikholiz

The Norma Busse Memorial Scholarship

Tara Kavanaugh

The Peter Yan Memorial Scholarship

Jackson Parker

The Gwen Chan Scholarship

Clarisse Kim

The Dolores Daubert Lewin Scholarship

Sherry Li

The Jeanne-Marie Pannier Soderquist Scholarship

Kaniyah Matthews

The Ron Pang Scholarship for Special Recognition

Dylan Reyes Hernandez

The Class of 2004 Leadership Scholarship

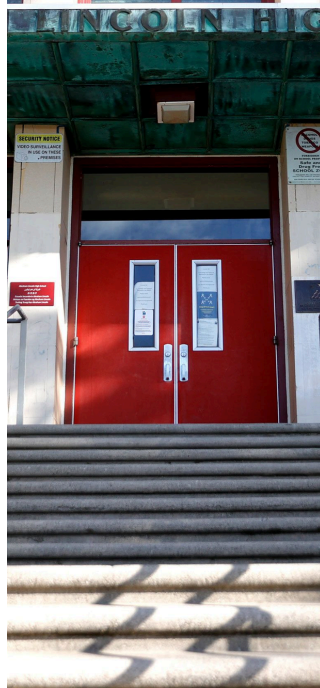
Salina Yu

The Class of S1958 Scholarship

Kathleen Maung

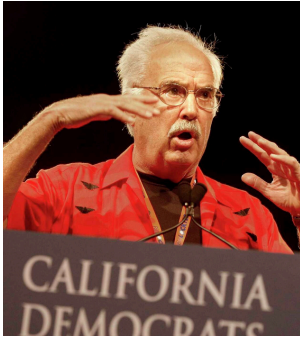
The Class of S1958 Scholarship in Memory of Steve Sankoff

Tiffany Li





IN MEMORIAM



John L. Burton S50 California Lawmaker

Former California Democratic Congressman John L. Burton, (S50), passed away on September 7, 2025, at age 92. Burton was the younger brother of Philip Burton, who also served in elected positions in San Francisco and statewide. Mr. Burton served in the California State Assembly in the 1960s and '70s, and he briefly chaired the state's Democratic Party, and was one of the most influential figures in California politics for decades. We mourn the passing of John Burton, a political giant who made the Mustang Alumni Community proud over his many years of dedicated public service.



Gary Spratling S59 Civil Leader

Much-beloved and respected Tiburon civil leader and friend, Gary R. Spratling, passed away on March 26, 2025. Gary was a giant in our local community and globally in the legal community, based on his leadership

at both the United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division and his nearly two decades in private practice at the law firm Gibson Dunn in San Francisco.

At Lincoln, Gary loved being a member of Mr. Lathrop's forensics team, engaging in interschool debates and "original oratory" competitions around the state. He was inducted into the Lincoln Wall of Fame in 2022.

In 1993 Gary persuaded Attorney General Janet Reno to allow the Antitrust Division to replace its voluntary disclosure program, which had not led to the detection of a single significant cartel since its inception in 1978, and adopt a novel approach: Create a prisoner's dilemma for cartel members by promising full immunity for the company and all of its employees to the first company to self-report. The Leniency Program that Gary trailblazed was unlike other U.S. Department of Justice voluntary disclosure programs when it was adopted—and that remains true today.



Lt. Col. Robert Powell

Senior Army Instructor California Democratic Senator

Robert Powell, Jr., was born in Fitzgerald, Georgia, in 1937 but beginning in 1978, after moving to California with his family, he called San Francisco his home. He credited his extraordinary parents (Robert and Odis

Powell) for fostering his interest in education and participation in extracurricular activities. Robert attended Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia graduating with a bachelor's degree in history. He was commissioned into the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. While at Hampton, Robert met and married Emily Alfreda Redd, a fellow student at Hampton. They have two lovely daughters, Robin and Rhonda Powell.

Robert then embarked on a 23-year military career beginning at Fort Benning, Georgia and included assignments in Augsburg, Germany; Berlin, Germany; Fort Gordon, Georgia, two tours of duty in Vietnam; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; the Command and General Staff College, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In September 1982 he retired from military service when serving at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Lt. Col. Powell began his second career as the Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC program at Abraham Lincoln High School from October 1982 until his retirement in June 2010. During his tenure, the Abraham Lincoln JROTC program was rated by the Department of the Army as one of the most successful JROTC programs in the Western United States. In 1992, the Department of the Army assigned Lt. Col. Powell the additional duty of Director of Army Instruction for the entire San Francisco Unified School District. From 1992 onward, Lt. Col. Powell performed two jobs, Senior JROTC instructor at Abraham Lincoln High School and the Director of all JROTC programs in the San Francisco public schools. This was a critical period. Anti-war advocates were targeting San Francisco's JROTC programs for elimination. To save these valuable programs, Lt. Col. Powell was instrumental in the formation and development of "Friends of JROTC" an organization composed of JROTC family members, educators and concerned citizens. This organization was the key element in saving the JROTC program in the San Francisco schools. Lt. Col. Powell (retired) passed away on April 13, 2025. The Mustang Community salutes him for his dedicated service and thanks Denise Smith (S88) for her donation for the Memorial to Lt. Col. Powell that took place at Lincoln in May.



IN MEMORIAM CONT.

Harvey Chapman - S57
8/6/38 - 7/29/21 in San Bruno

Eric Holm - S57
7/25/39 - 12/12/21 in Hawaii

Richard Castro - S57
12/7/39 - 2/17/25 in Millbrae

George Markoulis - S57
3/1/39 - 6/20/25 in San Francisco

Corinne (Cori) (Larsen) Hunter - F57
6/15/40 - 8/19/25 in Novato

Paul Gordenev - F57
7/13/39 - 10/8/24

Tim Pennington (Life Member - ASB President) - S58
11/4/40 - 4/7/25 in Los Angeles

Cam McFaddin - S58
4/20/40 - 8/29/22 in San Francisco

Clark Swarthout - S58
2/7/41 - 2/18/25 in Santa Rosa

Roy Lutzi - F58
*4/29/41 - 12/24/24 in Seal Beach
Spring 1959*

James Carroll - F59
6/23/41 - 2/17/25 in Healdsburg

Gary Spratling (On the Wall of Fame) - F59
11/28/41 - 3/26/2025 in Tiburon

Kenneth Steffen - F59
3/24/42 - 5/11/25 in Maui

Barbara Carson Doyle - S60
12/5/42 - in Windsor

Bert Pollitt - F60
4/8/43 - 2/6/25 in Brentwood

Stephen Fisher - F60
3/28/43 - 5/5/25 in Moraga

Joanne (Stuehler) Saxe - F60
5/30/43 - 4/25/25 in Corte Madera

Donna (Grosso) Donovan - S61
6/27/43 - 3/13/25 in San Francisco

Barbara Groth (Life Member) - S61
1/12/44 - 7/21/25 in San Francisco

Nancy (Holmgren) Hollenbach - S62
9/20/44 - 12/2024 in Garderville, NV

Paul Soule - S63
11/27/45 - 6/15/18 in Santa Clara

Robert Fey - S64
11/12/46 - 1/20/25 in So. San Francisco

James Greenan - S 64
11/3/46 - 3/3/25 in Danville

Michael Dempsey - S65
7/25/47 - 12/8/24 in Mill Valley

Arthur Richard Luna - S65
11/9/46 - 4/14/25 in Pacifica

Michael Cremin - S66
12/24/47 - 6/16/25 in San Francisco

Robert Boyd - S70
12/21/52 - 6/26/25 in Walnut Creek

Joe El Sineitti - S74
4/1/57 - 4/23/25 in San Leandro

Gina El Sineitti - S79
9/20/60 - 2/10/2019 in San Francisco

Albert Kwok Keung Fong - S86
11/24/72- 4/5/25

Paul Olson - S86
7/31/48 - 3/28/24 in Windsor

Joseph Gensley - S86
*10/5/35 - 11/25/2024 in San
Francisco*

Albert Fong - S90
11/24/72 - 4/5/25 in San Francisco

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IN MEMORIAM CONT.

Harriet (Coe) Draper - S43
1/9/26 - 4/12/25 in Santa Rosa

Ann Lynn (Hoke) Johnson - S43
1/26/26 - 10/16/25 in Mt. Vernon, WA

Dolores (Anderson) McClintock (Life Member) - S47
1/3/29 - 7/13/24 in Sequim, WA

Carl Erwin Mondon, M.D., Ph.D (Life Member) - S47
1/3/30 - 4/2/25 in San Francisco

Larry Gray - S48
3/9/30 - 5/30/25 in San Francisco

Oliver (Oddie) Hoffman (Life Member) -S49
4/29/31 - 4/14/25 in So San Francisco

John Burton (Life member) - S50
12/15/32 - 9/7/25 in San Francisco

Gerald McNaughton - S50
1/25/32 - 7/23/25 in San Francisco

Jeremy Russell McCarty - F52
12/11/34 - 1/15/25 in Sutter Creek

Scott Waterworth (Life Member) – S53
1935 - 1/25/25 in Mill Valley

Doris (Romine) Morse - S53
12/11/35 - 2/13/25 in North Carolina

Martin Joseph Kilgariff - F53
2/27/35 - 12/18/24 in Santa Rosa

Robert (Bob) Davies - S55
6/17/37 - 1/15/25 in Novato

Patricia (Joseph) Berkson - S55
11/2/37 - 5/10/25 in Foster City

Harry Rubinchik - S55
4/16/37 - 7/13/25 in Palo Alto

Gerald (Jerry) Berman - F55
12/29/37 - 8/11/24 in Marin County

Stan Manning - S56
4/16/38 - 6/21/25 in Santa Cruz

Robert Baker (Life Member) - S56
11/23/38 - 4/15/25 in Solvang

Bruce Adams - S56
7/2/38 - 12/29/24 in San Mateo

Lloyd Tosse (Life Member) - S56
5/11/38 - 3/10/25 in Nevada City

Barbara (Higby) Austin - S56
10/19/38 - 6/3/24 in Colorado

Marcia (Day) Bower (Life Member) - S56
4/27/38 - 4/14/25 in Alamo

Charlotte (Mitchell) Blackford - S57
4/28/39 - 10/08/24 in Pleasanton

Steven Schneider - S57
10/7/39 - 12/24/24 in Santa Rosa