

Obituary of William L. Wise III

April 10th, 1928 – July 16, 2021

William LaVay Wise III passed away in Yuba City, California on July 16, 2021 at the age of 93.

Bill was born in Irvington, NJ in 1928 to Lorna and Milton Wise lately of Pasadena, CA. He graduated from Analy High School in Sebastopol, CA in 1946. Bill then served two years in the US Navy, 1946 to 1948. Bill received a BSEE degree from Caltech in Pasadena, CA in 1952. He married Jacqueline Valentine in 1949 in Sebastopol, CA and lived in Palo Alto, CA; Edmonds, WA; and then moved to Mountain View, CA in 1963. Bill started his career at Hewlett – Packard in Palo Alto, CA. He then worked for several defense contractors, as well as for Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, into the mid-1980's. Bill spent the rest of his career primarily consulting and was very proud of his patents across several industries. He was the President of WIC Incorporated, his consulting firm, for many years in Mountain View, CA. Bill was a Life Senior Member of the IEEE and served as Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the IEEE Control Systems Society in 1998-99.

Bill is survived by his five children; his two sons, Larry Wise (San Juan Capistrano, CA), Steve Wise (Galt, CA) and his three daughters, Sandy Ogden (Cassel, CA), Teri Waldman (Mountain View, CA), and Patti McLain (Austin, TX). Bill is also survived by one sister; Cynthia Nigra (Goleta, CA). He leaves behind fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral arrangements are for Pleasant Hill Memorial Park at 1700 Pleasant Hill Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472 at a later date to be determined.