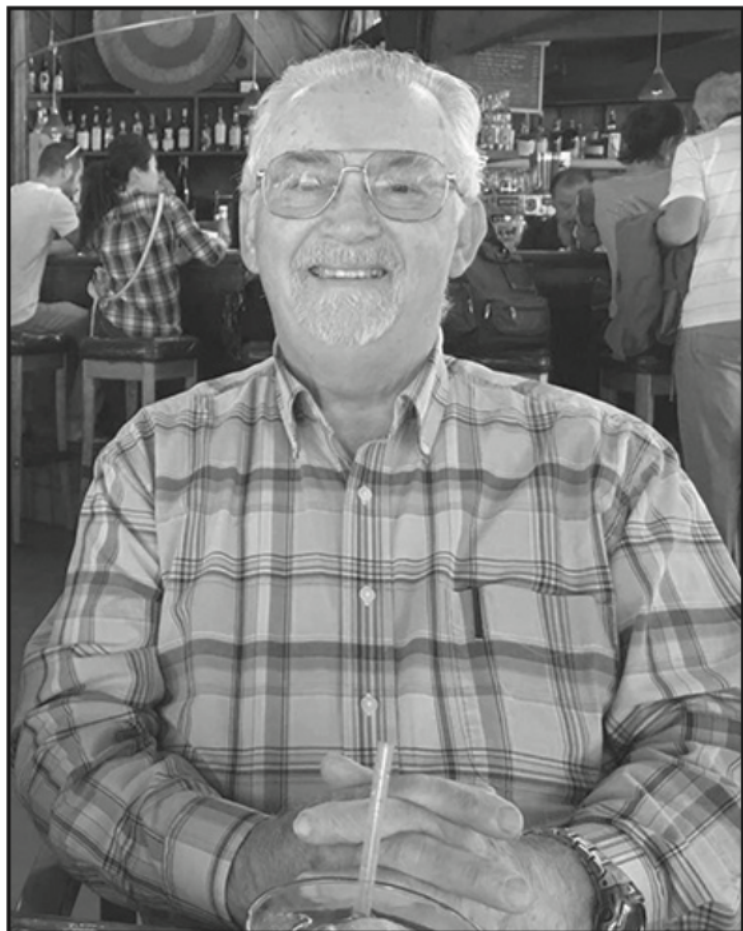


OBITUARY

Donald R. Bookwalter

January 25, 1931 — January 8, 2022



Donald R. Bookwalter finished his journey with us on January 8, 2022, just 17 days shy of his 91st birthday. Don was born January 25, 1931 in Hughson, CA to Alfred and Mary Ord Bookwalter.

He grew up on a farm family with two older brothers. His father passed when he was 15 years old, after his brother Bill had begun his career as a special education teacher and his brother Chuck had gone to serve in WWII. Uncle Bob became a father figure to Don, and his cousins Bobby, Dave, and Jerry were as close as brothers throughout their lives. Don went to work to support his mother and himself and worked his way through college at San Jose State University. It was there that he met Evelyn Jean Shaffer, whom he married August 31, 1952.

Don served briefly in the Army and began his working life as a business machine salesman for Burroughs Corporation. He sold computers, learned programming, learned design, and moved to Michigan to become Director of Product Planning. Eventually he returned to California, moving to Los Gatos and working as VP at Bank of the West where he helped develop the STAR ATM system. After retirement he and Evelyn moved to The Villages in 1997.

Don and Evelyn were married for 63 years until she passed in 2015. He later married Renate Jakobs Bookwalter in December 2019.

At The Villages, Don enjoyed his regular golf outings with the Ironmen and his many club and social activities with his neighbors. He was active in the EPC's Emergency Management Team, the German Club, and the Villages Medical Association, and he loved helping his fellow Villagers with computer consulting services.

He is survived by his wife, Renate, his daughter Barbara, a resident of Village Montgomery; his son Richard and son-in-law Galen, of San Francisco; his son Robert and daughter-in-law Rebecca, of Huntington, WV; his grandsons, Travis (Ashley) and Benjamin (Kathleen) Bookwalter; and his beloved great-grandchildren, Camryn Bookwalter, Sawyer, Holden, and Hudson Muncy, Kynlee Bookwalter, and Blair Bookwalter. He had a special place in his heart for his former granddaughter-in-law, Jackie Bookwalter, his nieces and nephews, Sharyn Tipton, Mary, Bill and Ron Bookwalter, Judi Adams, Joy Ray, and Erin Ray, and their families.

Don will rest in Oak Hill Memorial Park. A celebration of life gathering will take place at the Villages Clubhouse, 2800 The Villages Fairway Drive, San Jose, CA on Friday, February 4, from 2-4 pm. Friends and family are welcome.