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Rudolph Frederick Meiswinkel entered into rest peacefully on March 12, 2013 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 78. He was born June 29, 1934 in San Francisco, California to Frederick & Barbara Meiswinkel. He attended Saint Ignatius Preparatory High School and was enlisted in the National Guard. Upon the passing of his father he took over the family plastering business at the age of 23. He served as president and owner of Frederick Meiswinkel Inc. (FMI) for over 50 years. He was the ultimate entrepreneur, pursuing ventures of new business enterprises; always seeking the opportunity niche ahead of the competition. He was a pioneer in such ventures as laser systems in construction and environmental recycling at its onset. All the while expanding FMI from plastering to lath, drywall, exterior finish systems & fireproofing. FMI's commercial projects included Pac Bell Park and San Francisco City Hall's renovation, among many more. Rudy is survived by his wife Karin, and his first wife, Patricia (Gaffney), of 34 years along with their loving children Cathie (Kevin) Anandel, Julie Meiswinkel, Doug (Kim) Meiswinkel and Karen Archuleta; grandchildren Sean, Kelli, Alex, Christopher, Andrew, Michael, Nicholas, Dominic, Nicole, Rykken and great grandchild, Noah. Survived by siblings Rosa Schiessl, Margaret (Eric) Hansen, Joseph (Carolyn) Meiswinkel; sister-in-law Diane Meiswinkel and brother-in-law John (Sandy) Plough, along with many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, younger siblings Frederick Meiswinkel and Cecilia Plough and brother-in-law Joseph Schiessl. Rudy was the quintessential example of how a small family business, which grew and prospered through hard work and diligence, could impact the economy of the Bay Area, as well as supporting hundreds of employees and their families through decades of time. He was extremely generous and caring to so many throughout his life. He was passionate about the game of golf and passed that on to his children. Gardening was a favorite hobby and he loved boating as well. Rudy will always be remembered for his unique style and



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the way he embraced life; with fearless pizzazz and courage. Visitation will be held Sunday, March 24th, from 4:00 ' 8:00pm with a Rosary @ 6:00pm. A Funeral Service and Reception will be held on Monday, March 25th, @ 10:00am. All ceremonies will be held at Skylawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Hwy. 92 & Skyline Blvd. in San Mateo. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association.



Tribute Wall

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WC

Wes Carey posted:

Rudy you were a good friend. We both had an opportunity to be witnesses of each others life. I can attest that you were generous to a fault in all things. You were a loyal friend. From our first meeting at a cocktail party on the "Mighty Mo" to a wedding in Hawaii to colusion as "priates" on the high seas...ARRRRGH !!! I can never again drink a good glass of wine, a Ramos Fizz or Don Fernando Tequila without a tear in my eye and a moment of respect for my Admiral. On behalf of my family to yours, I mourn our loss. You were one of a kind and as the song goes, "you did it your way" as others looked on. Karin, Debra & I may still have time to tell stories about our adventures with "Rudy the Great". I love you man.....save a place for me. Capt. Wes.

April 5 at 7:10 AM

JN

Jr Nordman posted:

Rudy, you will truly be missed. There are many people who will get to say that Rudy was their friend or mentor, all at different stages of his life. I'm grateful for all the doors you and the Meiswinkel family opened for me and you will never be forgotten. My prayers go out to the Meiswinkel Family for their lose. JR Nordman

March 24 at 2:00 PM

JF

Jeff Frentz posted:

My sympathies to all the Meiswinkel family. Rudy was an amazing person, and I will miss him. It was an honor to work for him and a privilege to be taught by him. I have never met a more interesting and multifaceted person as Rudy. His gruff exterior and colorful language made for memorable days. But for me, it was the times that we would huddle up in a room, pouring over an estimate and working shoulder to shoulder...he loved to teach, and I tried to absorb all I could. Many people knew Rudy by reputation, but I saw his kindness and generosity, his love for and dedication to his children, In short, a big hearted man. I will always be thankful that God placed Rudy and all the Meiswinkel Family in my life. Regrettably, I cannot attend the services, but I will be supporting you all in prayer. May God's Peace be on you all. In His Love, Jeff Frentz

March 19 at 8:25 AM



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CS

Chriss & Bruce Semingson posted:

Sorry to know that Rudy will no longer grace this earth with us. Our condolences to his family. You are in our prayers for comfort. He was a kind, caring, generous and fun gentleman. We had many wonderful times with Rudy as we considered him a part of our family. We will miss him. Chriss & Bruce Semingson

March 18 at 10:48 AM

CP

Connie Peveto posted:

Rudy, a man who worked hard for all he had and took care of many people in his life. His kindness will be well remembered. I will cherish my memories of this generous gentleman who adored his family and friends.

March 18 at 5:52 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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