



Eugene "Beans" Colbert
Oct. 31, 1926 – May 27, 2009

"Beans" Colbert passed away peacefully on May 27 at Fernview Convalescent Hospital, where he received wonderful care for the past five months.

Born in Memphis, TN, Eugene lived in Sierra Madre from the age of 2 with his mother, Sylvia, father John, and six siblings: John, Robert, Jane, Sylvia, Sheilah, and Donald.

A WWII Navy veteran, Eugene was a former Post Commander at the VFW, where he spent many hours after work socializing and dancing, and where he met his wife of 53 years, Marcella. Together they raised five children: Dixon, Darienne, Devin, Vance, and Melody.

Eugene was a "people person" whose easygoing and fun-loving style put everyone at ease -- he was the life of the party wherever he went.

A carpenter by trade, there are many structures around Sierra Madre that stand as a testament to Eugene's skills and his dedication to the town; including the bar at the Buccaneer, and the Living Memorial Wall project he helped to create with his good friend, John Grijalva.

Per his wishes, Eugene was cremated and his ashes were scattered at sea. No memorial is planned.