Ernest E. Drescher

Ernest E. Drescher was born October 1, 1916 in San Francisco, passed away June 4, 2004.

Graduated Balboa High School 1933, Heald Engineering College - master electrician 1936; and University of California 1937; plant electrician, Hills Bros. Coffee (S.F.) 1937-1942; U.S. Navy Dry Docks Hunters Point 1943-1946, where he was in the electrical design section. He was Supervisor of the power section, directing in the preparation of shipboard installation plans. During this period, he advanced to P-4 electrical engineer. "Papa" was responsible for the development of several complicated power distribution networks, as well as the design of numerous pieces of electrical equipment including the development of light fixtures while in charge of the power and lighting sub-ground. Papa moved on to manage West Glass Co. for 12 years. President Regal Fiber Glass Corp, manager Superior Marine Sales and Royal Marine Corp., and was owner of Superior Fiber Glass Co.

Papa then finished his career at PPG after 20 years of service in 1982. During all that time, he and his high school sweetheart, Bee, always found time to dance and together joined Chang's International Folk Dancers in 1946. They were active members, instructors and directors until the early 1980s. Papa served as their president for six terms. He also served as president of the Folk Dance Federation of California for three years. Ernie and Bee loved to work on special parties at the club, writing and directing the entertainment. Papa found it difficult to say no to any request to act as "toast master" at any of the functions.

Beloved husband of the late Bee Drescher (1983), loving father of Tina Tognoli; father-in-law, and fishing partner of Allyn Tognoli, idolized grandfather of Tiffany Flores and husband, Damon Flores; Mark Tognoli, (Stephanie Byrnes); Kevin Tognoli, (Stephanie Salinas); great-papa of the young man, Dante Flores; brother-in-law to Helen Zisser and family; and uncle to Randy Rokusek. Longtime friend of Pearl Hickey and Randall Murley.

Private burial Woodlawn Memorial Park.

For those of us lucky enough to have been in your presence, You have changed our lives forever. You are always in our hearts...Yes, We're Open.

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There will be more information on Ernest E. Drescher in a coming issue