

A Celebration of the Life of
William B. Rudell
November 10, 1939 – November 20, 2008



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Organ Prelude John Rusnak

Call to Worship and Invocation Rev. Greg Batson

Hymn “Amazing Grace” No. 378
(Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Time of Remembrance

**Michael Moleleke, representing Lapologang Lekoa,
Botswana Ambassador to the United States**

Bill Rudell’s Grandchildren

Solo “My Way” Judy Torres

Scripture Reading Psalm 23
Words of Faith and Hope Rev. Larry Stamper

Benediction Rev. Batson

Organ Postlude Mr. Rusnak

**The family invites you to a reception at
Oakmont Country Club
following the service.**

**In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to
Burbank Noon Kiwanis Foundation.**

WILLIAM B. "BILL" RUDELL

Bill was born on November 10, 1939 in Los Angeles, California. He lived at 1040 E. Elmwood, Burbank with his mother, Marion, his father, Lloyd and his brother Dick.

Bill attended Joaquin Miller Elementary School, John Muir Junior High School and Burbank High. He was Student Body President at John Muir and received the American Legion Award when he graduated. At Burbank High he was Student Body President and Senior Class President. He graduated as a Meritorian and a Seal Bearer.

As a Boy Scout, Bill earned the honor of Eagle Scout. As an adult he enjoyed being a member of the Silver Rats.

Bill then went on to Princeton University, graduating with honors in 1961. Many lifelong friendships were made at Princeton where he belonged to Cap and Gown. Bill regularly attended Princeton reunions and "The Roommates" and wives had a wonderful reunion in June, 2007, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He entered Yale Law School in the fall of 1961. Fellowships took him to Columbia and a Rotary Fellowship to Switzerland. Bill graduated in 1965 from Yale with his LL.B.

Following law school Bill went to Botswana with the Ford Foundation Africa Asia program. He worked in the Attorney General's office and remained there for eighteen months during which time the country became independent from Great Britain and discovered diamonds. Again many lifelong friendships were formed. Bill and his wife Jacque have traveled to Botswana for many celebrations of independence. Bill was appointed by the Botswana government in 1971 as Botswana's first Consul anyplace in the world. He proudly remained in that position until his death. Bill carried the The Torch in Burbank prior to the Olympic Games in 1984. He was also Attaché for the Botswana Olympic Team and marched in the opening ceremony. He found Burbank family hosts for all of the members of the Olympic team. In 2007 Botswana presented Bill with an award for Meritorious Service. Receiving this award was one of the proudest moments of his life.

On his return from Africa Bill joined the family business, Rudell Machinery, in New York. He passed the New York State Bar 1968. He then returned "home" to Burbank and passed the California State Bar in 1969. He joined the law firm of Halstead, Baker, and Olsen in Los Angeles, leaving there to become the City Attorney of Burbank. He joined Richards, Watson, and Gershon in 1985, specializing in municipal and telecommunications law. He was a recognized expert in the field of telecommunications and municipal airports.

Bill always loved the City of Burbank. He served The City in a variety of positions including Planning Commission, Mayor, Member of the City Council, and President and Member of the Airport Authority and was instrumental in the acquisition of the Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena Airport from Lockheed.

He was a longtime member of the Bachelors but had to resign his membership to marry Jacquie on August 9, 1987. Bill became an instant stepfather of three and, over the years, a grandfather of seven. The children and grandchildren all fondly called him "Uncle Bill". He was also a member of the Burbank Noon Kiwanis Club, serving as President 1974-75.

Bill, with Jacquie, enjoyed his home on Rudell Road and also a home in Rancho Mirage, and a ski condo in Big Bear Lake. Many family gatherings were enjoyed at these homes including Thanksgiving in Big Bear and Easter in the desert.