



Martin Claude Van Boskirk

January 12, 1938 - November 21, 2025

We are here to celebrate the life of our wonderful friend Martin Claude Van Boskirk, who left us on November 21 after a brief illness. He was born in San Diego on January 12, 1938 to Martin and Lucille Van Boskirk, and spent his childhood moving around California, North Carolina and Hawaii as part of a military family. He was very proud of his father's service as a pilot in World War II. The family later settled in San Diego. Martin was in Cheyenne, Wyoming for college when he met his beloved wife, Elizabeth. They moved to Denver for a short time, before moving to San Diego to settle there permanently with their family.

Martin had a long career as a teacher in the San Diego public school district. With Elizabeth as his travel planner, they travelled the world to many continents and sailed many seas. He made friends wherever he went and made a big impression on all who met him. He loved to read, especially history, was a whiz with numbers and trivia, and could have been a Jeopardy champ, if they had just given him a chance. He also loved the outdoors. His lifelong interest in hunting took him to Utah and South Dakota many times. His grandchildren enjoyed his many colorful stories and his combination of a gruff but gentle demeanor. Martin is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Elizabeth, his son (Martin) Craig Van Boskirk and daughter-in-law Melinda of St. Augustine, Florida, as well as his grandchildren Sylvia (and her husband Donald) of Gainesville, Florida and Henry (of Fort Worth, Texas). He is also survived by his younger sisters Barbara Hornor of Scottsdale, Arizona and

Victoria Barefoot of San Diego, his son-in-law Steve Hunt of Long Beach, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved daughter Katherine Hunt, who has always remained precious in the hearts of her family, just as Martin's amazing long life will be cherished and remembered always by all who knew him.