



Warren Wessling      July 8, 1931 to October 8, 2014

Warren was born and raised in San Leandro and attended San Jose State College studying Industrial Arts. Facing the Korean War draft, he joined the Navy and became a fighter pilot. He spent 10 years in the Navy and the next 27 years as a pilot for American Airlines. He never missed one day of work before he retired in 1991. He met Alice, who was visiting from North Dakota, at church in San Leandro in 1951. They dated for four years and married in 1955. She joined him in Pensacola, Florida where he was training. He was then assigned to the Alameda Naval Air station, so they moved to Hayward where their two daughters were born. When the girls were three and five, the Navy sent the family to Japan for two years. Warren was attached to an Admiral's staff and became a Lieutenant Commander.

One of Warren's most memorable experiences in the Navy was in a remote area of Japan, flying an antique T33 plane which had a flameout. He ejected and parachuted into a pine tree. After he cut himself down, he made his way to a road where he found a taxicab to pick him up! Luckily a Girl Scout troop from the US was visiting there and could help him with translations.

Warren and Alice lived in San Mateo for 45 years before moving to SRC in 2012. He fought cancer for nearly two years and died October 8, 2014. They have four granddaughters and one great grandson. Warren enjoyed woodworking, and his favorite travels were to Europe, especially Bavaria. He has also been a volunteer driver, taking seniors to medical appointments.