

Reception to Follow

*Olympic Club
Lakeside Clubhouse
599 Skyline Boulevard
San Francisco, California
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Pallbearers

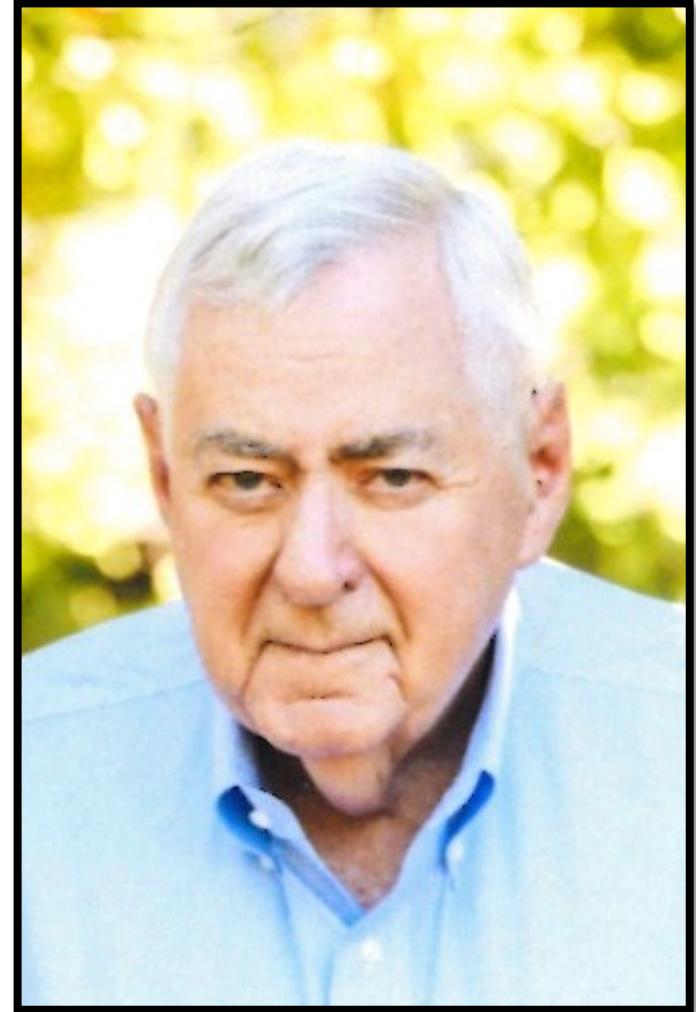
*Primo Ponce (friend)
Gene Reynolds (nephew)
Shamus McClure (godson)
Matthew Ahlback (nephew)
Marty Ahlback (nephew & godson)
Greg Ahlback (nephew)*



The Ahlback Family would like to extend sincere thanks to each of you for the love and support you have shown throughout this very difficult time.



In Loving Memory



Donald Martin Ahlback

August 21, 1940 ~ November 25, 2024

Donald Martin Ahlback, age 84, died surrounded by his family on Monday, November 25, after a brief hospitalization. A third generation San Franciscan, Donald was the second son of William J. Ahlback and Margaret O'Connor Ahlback. Donald attended St. Cecilia's grammar school, St. Joseph's Seminary and St. Ignatius High School for two years each and graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1962. He maintained lifelong friends from each of the schools he attended. Donald spent two years in the Air Force Reserve before obtaining his degree from USF Law School and passing the Bar in 1967.

Donald was preceded in death by brothers Rev. William Ahlback and Gerald Ahlback (Susan). Donald is survived by his loving spouse, Marlene Pastorino Ahlback; his beloved sons Justin, and Adam and partner, Eric Haist; adored grandson, Henry; brother, John (Peggy), and sisters, Margaret (Price) and Mary. Other loved ones include his father and mother-in-law, Henry (Rico) and Lorraine Pastorino (both deceased), his brother-in-law, Hank Pastorino, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and their families.

One iconic note in his history was he supported himself during law school by working as an ambulance driver for the City of S.F. out of Park Emergency Hospital, and then continued driving the ambulance for a time after he passed the Bar. The "ambulance-driving lawyer" job was not a joke lost on his family and friends.

Donald worked faithfully as a lawyer, maintaining his private probate practice for over 55 years. He continued to take care of clients' final affairs and wishes up until the end. He practiced his profession with the greatest of integrity and devotion to his clients' needs, ably assisted for 46 years by his secretary Sharon Sinor.

Among the things Donald loved were cooking gourmet meals for family and friends, taking long walks, watching college football and other sports, attending retreats at various monastic communities, and visiting sports venues around the country. On his bucket list was a visit to every MLB park; he completed three-quarters of those before he died. Donald was a devout Catholic and generous supporter of many Catholic charities. He maintained a close connection to the Sulpician, Our Lady of New Clairvaux, Benedictine and Maryknoll communities.

Above all else, Donald was a good and generous friend to those lucky enough to have him in their life. As a husband, father, grandfather, godfather, brother, uncle or friend, no one looked out for those he loved more than Donald.

Memorial donations may be made to The Abbey of Our Lady of New Clairvaux, P.O. Box 80, Vina, CA 96092, or a charity of your choice.

Funeral Mass

11:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday ~ December 17, 2024

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
San Francisco, California

Celebrant: Rev. Rene Ramoso

Cantor: Frances Peterson

Musician: Griselda Guevarra-MacDonald

Processional Hymn	"Here I Am Lord"
Opening Prayer	Rev. Rene Ramoso
First Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Peter Davey (lifelong friend)
Responsorial Psalm	"Shepherd Me, O God"
Second Reading	Revelation 14:13 Bob McLean (lifelong friend)
Gospel & Homily	Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Rene Ramoso
Prayers of the Faithful	"Lord, hear our prayer" Monica Corral (family friend)
Offertory Hymn	"Prayer of St. Francis"
Presentation of Gifts	Lulu Corral (family friend) Marlin Ponce (family friend)
Communion Hymn	"I Am the Bread of Life"
Words of Remembrance	John Ahlback (brother)
Prayer of Commendation & Farewell	Rev. Rene Ramoso
Recessional Hymn	"On Eagle's Wings"

Private Interment

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
Colma, California