Jules Fredrick Mayer
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Jules Frederick Mayer, age 95, passed away peacefully after a short illness. He had been enjoying his residency and making new friends at Atria Valley View Senior Living in Walnut Creek, California.

Married for 67 years to Helen Hoover Mayer (preceded him in death in 2010), he is survived by his 4 children, Steven Mayer of Monmouth Jct., New Jersey, Paul Mayer of Turlock, CA, Roger Mayer of Puyallup, WA, and Belinda Mayer of Walnut Creek, CA, 6 grandchildren, Yujin Jules Ito of Walnut Creek, Jeffrey Ito of New Orleans, LA, Jules Mayer of Puyallup, WA, Karisa Marley of Seattle, WA, Andrea Mayer of Turlock, CA and Jordan Mayer of Turlock, CA, 2 great grandchildren, Lydia Mayer and Molly Marley and his sister Helen Foster of Kings Beach, CA.

Jules was born in Los Angeles and was a resident of El Cerrito for 57 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Master's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology; Pasadena, California.

Jules was employed for 42 years by Standard Oil Company of California and its subsidiaries including California Research and Development, Western Operation, Inc. and Chevron USA from 1941 – 1983. He worked in Richmond and El Segundo Refineries, San Francisco, and Livermore. Jules retired as Manager of Government Affairs, Chevron USA Inc.

Jules contributed his time and talents to many philanthropic organizations. His most loved non-profit organization was the YMCA in which he served for 50+ years and was a member of camp, finance, executive and investment committees. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Berkeley-Albany YMCA for 9 years.

Jules was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Support Center for Nonprofit Management for 7 years (San Francisco Area), a past Member of the National Board of the Support Center, and past Board member and President of the Richmond-Shimada Sister City Program. Jules served as a consultant to nonprofits for 14 years as a participant on the Executive Services Corp program. Projects included board development, organization and management, environmental compliance, staffing, facility evaluation and financial reviews.

Jules was a member of the Berkeley Rotary Club. On a personal level, Jules was an expert carpenter, having designed and built multiple houses.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the YMCA of the Central Bay (formerly known as the Berkeley-Albany YMCA), 2111 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704
with attention to Fran Gallati or Hospice of the East Bay at 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. The family will be hosting a memorial service later this summer. To view the online obituary and to share your memories and leave a tribute to Jules F. Mayer, please visit our website at http://memorial.yourtribute.com/JulesFrederick-Mayer/. Eternal be his memory. Published in Contra Costa Times on May 15, 2014