

Allen Frances Stolz, 85

March 16, 1916 - Dec. 26, 2001

SAN DIEGO, CA – Allen Frances Stolz, son of George H. Stolz and Vera M. Dougal Stolz, was born on a farm west of Panama, March 16, 1916. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Panama. He started school in the Panama rural area. With his parents, he moved to a farm south of Defiance in 1925. They went to school at St. Paul's in Defiance, graduating in 1935. In 1938, he joined the C.C.C. Camp at Red Oak, for two years. He met his wife-to-be, Edythe Ledet of Kimballton, at a dance in Defiance on New Year's Eve.



They were married Sept. 9, 1940, at St. Joseph's Rectory. They moved to Jefferson, where he sold Watkins products. Their first child was born there, then five more came later. In later years, he and his brother, Mal, went to aircraft school in Omaha. Since there were no factories in the midwest, he and Mal moved to California in 1942 to work in the factories. He then attended barber school and worked as a barber until retirement. He had been a resident of San Diego since 1942. Allen was a businessman and owned and operated up to 5 barber shops in San Diego from 1954 until he retired in 1985. At that time, Allen and Edythe traveled across the U.S., Mexico and into Canada. Allen held the office of Secretary Treasurer for the Barbers & Beauticians union from 1963-1982. He also held the office of California State Vice President of the union where he lobbied and obtained fair pay for the barbers and beauticians along with pensions and medical and dental benefits. He also organized an annual "free hair cut day", for needy children and their families. They also distributed candy and gifts to the less fortunate children for Christmas. He had a beautiful baritone voice and began taking voice lessons while he worked in the Civil Conservation Corp. He sang live on the radio in Defiance, performed with the Lawrence Welk Orchestra and sang for the troops during World War II at various USO's. He died Dec. 26, 2001, at age 85 years.

Preceding him in death were three children, his sons, Allen F. Stolz, Jr. in 1944, David A. Stolz in 1987, and daughter, Allena S. Powell in 1997; brothers and sisters, Mal, Pat, Veronica and a baby brother who was stillborn; brothers-in-law, Norbert Koesters and Irvin Mohr; sisters-in-law, Mary Stolz, Marcella Stolz, Marie T. Stolz and Marie M. Stolz. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Edythe; daughters, Anna Marie (Randall) Tweed, Alisa (Bob) Lauritzen; and a son, Michael Stolz of San Diego, CA; three grandchildren and one great grandchild; brothers, Melvin (Alice) Stolz; Merrill Stolz of Harlan; Louis (Helen) Stolz of Dunlap; George Stolz, Jr. of Earling; sisters, Lois Koesters and Delores (John) Tremel of Earling and Wilma Mohr of Denison; sister-in-law, Ann Stolz of St. Albans, WV; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Jan. 4, 2002, at Santa Sophia Catholic Church in Casa de Oro, in Spring Valley, CA. Burial was in Singing Hills Memorial Park in El Cajon, CA.