

Jerold Wilwerding, 93

Oct. 4, 1917 - Nov. 13, 2010

SIERRA MADRE, CA — Jerold W. Wilwerding, son of John C. and Clara (Strauel) Wilwerding was born October 4, 1917 at Earling. He passed away peacefully at his home on November 13, 2010. He grew up in Earling and graduated from St. Joseph High School.

Jerold married Margaret Domino in June 1943. His family moved to Los Angeles in 1967. He served with the Army in the Pacific during World War II, at General Headquarters on General MacArthur's personal staff. While stationed in Tokyo he attended night school at Joaki University majoring in botany and horticulture. He loved working with his hands especially enjoying grafting and growing plants. Many have been amazed by the thousands of orchids he tended to and a great variety of fruits and plants including an avocado tree with more than a dozen types of avocado. He remained an active member of St. Rita's Catholic Church, and was a regular at Mater Dolorosa Retreat House where he attended over 20 retreats during his life.

Jerold is survived by his children: Mary Jane, Peggy, Debra, Joyce and Jerold Jr.; eleven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Verena Coenen of Harlan, Alice Stessman of Omaha; and a brother, Ray Wilwerding of Earling. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Margaret in 1998; his sisters, Marie Stessman, Lucille Blum; his brothers, Fr. Bert Wilwerding and Joe Wilwerding.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 19, 2010 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Sierra Madre, CA with Msgr. Richard Krekelberg officiating. Burial was in Sierra Madre, CA with military services held at the cemetery.

