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Waldron, George Raymond

George Raymond Waldron, of Phoenix, died January 11, 2007, after a courageous 10-year battle with prostate cancer. He was born March 7, 1934, in Orange, NJ, to George and Harriet Waldron. George served his country in the Marines during the Korean War. He was a proud member of Local #469 and worked as an air conditioning technician until retiring in 1995. He married Eileen Hanifin on January 10, 1959, and had three sons. In 1960 the family moved to Phoenix and quickly embraced the Arizona lifestyle. George instilled a love of the desert and mountains in his sons through numerous hiking, camping, and fishing trips throughout the state. He had a good sense of humor, loved sports, and coached Little League when the boys were young. His proudest accomplishment was his three wonderful sons and their families. George was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Catherine Mindo and Harriet Balassone. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Eileen; and sons Vincent and his wife Kathleen (Glendora); Michael of Glendale; and John of Phoenix. He was dearly loved, and will be greatly missed, by his six grandchildren: Emily, Laura, Kyle, Bryan, Jose, and Carlos. He is also survived by his brothers William of Phoenix, James and his wife Elaine of Glendora; and Michael and his wife Deborah of New Jersey, and brothers-in-law James Minto and Marty Balassone of New Jersey. He had many wonderful nieces and nephews in Arizona, Florida, Colorado, and New Jersey. He will also be missed by extended family members, including the Dubnos, the Sifers, the Coons, and Jeff Parker. George was appreciative of the family members and many friends who laughed with him in the good times and supported him during the challenges of the past year. Despite his illness, he was able to fulfill his retirement dream of traveling the USA in an RV loaded with bikes and kayaks. A viewing will be held on Monday, January 15, from 5-8:00 p.m., at Hansen Mortuary, 8114 N. 7th St., Phoenix. Prayers and personal remembrances will be at 7:00 p.m. A mass to celebrate his life will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 330 W. Coral Gables, Phoenix, with burial to follow at National Memorial Cemetery, 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Prostate Cancer Research Institute, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA, 90045, or to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ, 85014.

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