



## **Ivan Milton Flinn Jr.**

March 15, 1941 - August 17, 2021

Huntington Beach , California

Ivan passed away on August 17, 2021 after a 3 ½ year battle with cancer. He was helped in his battle by UCI Medical Center and Dr. Nataliya Mar, and participated in clinical trials in hopes of contributing to studies for future cancer treatment options.

Ivan was born on March 15, 1941 in Dallas, TX to the late Ivan and Dorothy Flinn. He grew up in Amarillo, TX where he proved to be an excellent student and athlete even in his early years, and began building trailers and renting them through Nationwide Trailers at his father's business. After high school graduation, he took a summer job at Disneyland, and eventually decided to enroll at California Polytechnic University in Pomona and stay in CA year round. While working at Disneyland, Ivan was chosen to be one of the first drivers of the submarine ride. Before graduating from Cal Poly in 1963 with his Bachelors degree in Mathematics, he also worked at Spadra with a computer the size of a room, the Bendix G15. Later he told his wife Doris that our iPhones have more computing power than that computer had! He was a computer pioneer, and throughout his career spanning over four decades, he worked at many companies including General Electric Computer Department, Burroughs Computer Department, ICC, Sperry UNIVAC, Honeywell Marine Systems, Varian Data, Hughes Aircraft, and Raytheon. He retired in 2006.

He married his soul mate (so he said,) Doris, on September 15, 1962. He and his wife Doris met in 7th grade and would have been married 59 years in September. They had four children, nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

He loved sports, especially baseball, and was a San Francisco Giants fan from childhood. He was an avid bowler, a youth league coach for his brother and son, and volunteered generously through Girl Scouts and church ministry in sports leagues and events. He attended all of his kids and grandkids events, including recitals, shows, games, and banquets.

Ivan was a Christian and a member of First Christian Church, Huntington Beach. He was a person who lived his faith and knew he was going to heaven.

He was beloved by many and will be missed by his friends and family. He was so loved and treasured.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Doris, his children and their partners Kellie Flinn Frankeny and Ray Frankeny, LeeAnne Flinn Herbold and Andrew Herbold, David Flinn and Kim

Parizo, Melody Flinn Miller and Chris Miller, and their Grandchildren Tim Frankeny and Jessica Davis, Ariel Frankeny and Logan MacCarthy, Heather Frankeny and fiancé Joey Chavez Ferguson, Rebecca Frankeny, Michael Frankeny and Delilah DeLaRosa, David Herbold, Jack Herbold, Caitlin Flinn, and Emily Miller.

Great-granddaughter Piper Lily Frankeny. Sister Lee

Shriver, brothers Richard Flinn and wife Garyn, Patrick Flinn and wife Denise. Nieces and nephews Krissy Shriver Toon, Betsy Ball Holland, Jenny Ball, Ashley Flinn Forest, Caitlyn Flinn Barry, Bradley Flinn, Maggie Flinn, Lee Haberthier, Matthew Haberthier, Kyle Flinn and Ryan Flinn. Great nieces and nephews Tayler Toon, Honey Holland, Ellie Flinn, Grace Flinn, Kaya

Davis, Reilley Forest, Liam Barry, Fiona Barry, Isla Barry, Harper Flinn, Olive Flinn, Mason Flinn, and Lily Flinn. He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy and Ivan Flinn, brother Michael Flinn, and sister Laurie Flinn Haberthier.

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