



Robert "Bob" Howard Flanders Sr.

February 8, 1926 - February 11, 2025

Robert "Bob" H. Flanders Sr., age 99, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on February 11, 2025 in Ocala, Florida. Bob was born in Berkeley, California, to Austin and Hazel Flanders on February 8, 1926. He graduated from Acalanes High School in Lafayette, California, and he worked as an engineer for Del Monte Research for several years. He also worked as a Barber and TV and radio repair man for many years at his own shop in Concord, California.

He had many many hobbies over his long life, including electronics, ham radio operation, photography, sculpting, cards, tennis, fishing, camping, computers and he also took up painting at the age of 93. He had the distinction of inventing the first automated peach pitting machine for Del Monte Research in the 1950's.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth J. Flanders. Bob is survived by his children, Diana Lynn Goldsmith, Robert Flanders, Jr., and Loretta Muller. Grandchildren are Robin Goldsmith, Carrie Hale, Gina Hazelwood, David Simons, and Jessica Flanders. Great Grandchildren include Matthew, Clayton, Ashlynn Hazelwood, Randi Walker and Akicita and Kimmimela Hale. He is also survived by his cherished, long time companion, Dorothy Whelpley.

Funeral service will be held at Roberts of Ocala Funerals, 6241 SW State

Road 200, Ocala, FL 34476 on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 2 pm.

Bob was so cherished for his kindness, generosity and wide depth of knowledge and experience. He was an exceptional father to all his children and his absence will be deeply felt within the family, leaving a significant void in our family lineage.

Tribute Wall



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Howard Flanders Sr..*



February 24, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Lori sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Howard Flanders Sr.*



Lori - February 22, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ *Sandra (Chrismer) Rogge lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Howard Flanders Sr.*



Sandra (Chrismer) Rogge - February 21, 2025 at 03:16 PM