

Leon J. Etchegaray



Leon J. Etchegaray, 98, passed away on Friday, February 11th. He was born on November 2, 1912 in Ban-

ca France. He was the son of Catherine Laxague Etchegaray and Jean Etchegaray. He was the youngest of 9 siblings.

He immigrated to the United States when he was 24 years old. He spent some early years in Eureka, Nevada herding sheep. Then he moved to San Francisco and enjoyed a long career at the Union Square Garage. After his retirement, he and his wife Freida traveled to Europe and lived for five years in France. He returned to Eureka for several years. He then moved to Novato, California and resided with his great niece Denise Miral. His final eighteen months were spent in Reno, Nevada with his niece Albertine Prina.

He loved the city of San Francisco, where he spent

the majority of his life. He and his wife Freida were avid hikers and members of the Sierra Club. He was a loyal fan of the San Francisco 49ers and of course the Giants. His dream came true when his Giants won the World Series.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Freida, daughter Jeanette, eight siblings, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is survived by his nephew Gracian Sallaberry, and nieces Albertine Prina, Veronica Stinnett, and Madeline Prina. He also has numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews both here and in France.

A memorial mass will be held in his memory at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral on Saturday, February 26th at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Mortuary. Inurnment will be at Portland Memorial Inc..

The family would like to thank St. Mary's Hospice for the kindness and comfort provided at the end of Leon's life.