

# In Memory of Dawn and William Retallick



**William McCoy Retallick**  
June 30, 1915 – May 4, 1996

**Dawn Gleason Retallick**  
May 13, 1920 – February 18, 2007

William McCoy Retallick was born in Fresno in 1915, the third child of the Fresno attorney, Richard Godfrey Retallick, and the soprano, Catherine McCoy Retallick. Bill's father had served as Fresno District Attorney and was a law partner of B. W. Gearhart. In 1940, on a blind date in San Francisco, Bill met Dawn Gleason, who had recently moved to the Bay Area from her home town of Garland, Utah. He wooed her with funny hand-painted valentines and the gift of a pet turtle named Gus. On February 28th, 1942, Dawn and Bill got married—the beginning of a love story that endured for more than 54 years.

The couple moved to Marin County and raised two daughters, Lane and Leslie. Bill was an advertising artist in San Francisco for over 50 years. For several years, Dawn owned a small San Francisco antique store called “Dawn's Early Light” with her friend and business partner, John Cullen. Both Dawn and Bill loved art and antiques, enjoying frequent visits to museums and galleries, locally and abroad.

Once their children were grown, Dawn and Bill moved to Russian Hill in San Francisco, and enjoyed city life. After several years, Bill, an avid golfer, wanted to live close to a golf course. He and Dawn found a new home in the Moraga Country Club in Contra Costa County. There they lived happily for many years; Bill golfing, sculpting, and painting, Dawn creating beautiful needlepoint designs.

Dawn and Bill had the great good fortune to have a beloved family and many wonderful friends. They were compassionate, accepting and loving people who enjoyed reading and never stopped learning. Lane and Leslie, their two children, feel blessed to have had such thoughtful and devoted parents.