Richard Eugene Hernandez slipped into the arms of our heavenly Father on March 9 2024 at home surrounded by his family. He was born in San Francisco on September 30 1942. He was the eldest child of Eugene and Florence Hernandez and a protective big brother to sister Donna. He was proud of being from the Excelsior District and spent his early childhood attending Catholic school in San Francisco. He graduated from Cappuccino High School in San Bruno. His father owned Gene's Auto Body in San Bruno where he worked for many years. He was an amazing artist and owned a brass lighting company with his wife. He met his wife Peggy in 1973 and according to him, it was love at first sight. They married and lived in Belmont for 51 years. In 1986 they welcomed their only child, Dawn Marie. He enjoyed playing golf, fly fishing, and camping with his family. His proudest achievement came in 2022 with the birth of his grandson who he adored. He was elated they were able to create a strong bond before the end of his life. He was preceded in death by parents Eugene and Florence Hernandez. He is survived by wife Peggy, daughter Dawn Marie, sonin-law Dominic Faina, and grandson Giovanni Faina. He was a proud step grandpa to Ashlee, Anthony, and Dominic Jr.

A Rosary Prayer Service will be held at Crippen & Flynn Funeral Chapel in Belmont at 7 p.m. on March 18 2024. A Gravesite Funeral Service will be held at Saint John's Cemetery in San Mateo at 1 p.m. on March 19 2024.