

Milton McDowell

1920 - 2015 Obituary



Milton Case McDowell

February 6, 1920 -December 7, 2015

Milton Case McDowell was a third-generation Californian, whose great grandfather William G. McDowell was an early pioneer rancher in Petaluma California. Milton was born on February 6, 1920 in Franklin Hospital, San Francisco, to Lois Ethelyn Case McDowell and Milton Alexander McDowell. He attended San Francisco public schools and Santa Cruz High School, graduating from Polytechnic High School in San Francisco in January 1938. While serving in the [US Navy](#) during [World War II](#), he attended the University of San Francisco, earning his B.S. in Business Administration in 1946. He later earned his M.A. in Education at Stanford University in 1957. He became a high school [teacher](#), teaching business subjects in public and private schools, including one year in France teaching U.S. Military dependents, and 26 years at Capuchino High School in San Bruno, California. After retiring from teaching, he served as executive secretary for the Hotel and Restaurant Scholarship Foundation in San Francisco for 20 years. Milton was an avid golfer who grew up playing the public courses

in San Francisco, and was a longtime member of the Olympic Club. He loved music, especially jazz, and regularly enjoyed attending concerts until the last weeks of his life. His love for learning and education inspired many of his high school students as well as his own children and grandchildren.

Milton was married to the love of his life, Jean Winifred Fry McDowell for 67 years, until her death in 2010. His only sister Dorothy Johnson died in 2014. He is survived by his children, Christine Ellen Vincent of Del Rey Oaks, California, and Ronald Charles McDowell of Santa Rosa, California, as well as Ron's family: son and daughter-in-law Erin Christopher McDowell and Ashley Lombardo, daughter Miriam Rose McDowell, Ron's adoptive son Michael Ariel Cook, and Milton's nephew James Johnson of Modesto.

Milton McDowell's integrity, generosity and sense of self-responsibility will live on in all whose lives he touched, in his family, his work and our community.