
Joseph A. Continelli

Joseph A. Continelli, USN (Ret) POWAY -- Joseph A. Continelli, 87, passed away Tuesday evening, June 29, 2010, at Villa Monte Vista Hospital. He was born on June 14, 1922 in Galveston, Texas, but was a life-long resident of San Diego County. Sophia, his wife of 62 years, died in 2008. He is survived by sons, Donald (Norma) of Pauma Valley, and Ronald (Debby) of Santee; five grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death with the passing of his daughter, Donna, in 1981. In July, 1941, he enlisted in the US Navy and proudly served his country in three wars. During his naval career, he was a signalman, quartermaster navigator, and instructor before retiring in 1971. He was most proud of his service as a submariner and was the Chief-of-the- Boat on this nation's second nuclear powered submarine, the USS Sea Wolf (SN 575), as it shadowed the pirated ocean liner, SS Santa Maria, in the mid-Atlantic in 1961. Joseph enjoyed all sports, especially baseball and golf. He coached his son's baseball team to their 1956 Lake Murray Little League Championship. He liked to travel and enjoyed dining on steak or lobster. He will be missed. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m., followed by services at 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 15, at Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego. In lieu of flowers, his family is asking donations be made in his name to Navy League or Wounded Warriors Foundation. Sign the Guest Book online obits.nctimes.com

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