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Albert Eldon Wampler Jr., fondly known as "Bud," a devoted father and grandfather, beloved brother, and loyal friend, passed away on April 15, 2025, at the age of 94.

Throughout his life, Bud was known for his steadfast work ethic, kind heart, and witty sense of humor—qualities that earned him the deep respect and affection of all who knew him.

Bud was born on August 22, 1930, in Klamath County, Oregon, to Mayme and Albert Eldon "Mickey" Wampler. He grew up in Klamath Falls, where he graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1947 at the young age of 16, demonstrating his early academic aptitude.

It was in Klamath Falls that Bud met the love of his life, Helen Wampler. They married in 1952, beginning a beautiful partnership that would span a remarkable 72 years. In 1954, they moved to Germany while Bud served in the United States Army. Eventually, they settled in San Luis Obispo, where they welcomed their only son in 1959 and spent more than six decades under the same roof, creating a lifetime of cherished memories together.

Bud graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, in 1962 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering—a milestone achieved through determination, hard work, and a strong belief in the value of education. He went on to devote more than 30 years to Madonna Construction, retiring in 1994, and became a highly respected figure in the San Luis Obispo community. His commitment to excellence left a lasting impact on the company and on countless local projects that still stand as testaments to his skill and dedication.

Outside of work, Bud found his greatest joy in his family. He was a steady presence, a source of strength and wisdom, and a loving guide through life's many seasons. The values he lived by, the work he did, and the example he set leave a lasting legacy in his family and in all those he mentored and befriended over the years.

Bud is survived by his son, Lawrence Wampler; his granddaughter, Taylor Kitchen (Matthew); and his sister, Beverly Wampler Demetrakos. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mayme and Albert Eldon "Mickey" Wampler, and his beloved wife, Helen Wampler.

A Celebration of Life honoring Bud will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Madonna Inn's Garden Room. Bud will be remembered for his caring nature, his enduring influence, and the love he gave so freely. His impact on the Klamath and San Luis Obispo communities—and on all who knew him—will never be forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Old Mission Catholic Cemetery

101 Bridge St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 541-0584
<http://www.cfcsmonterey.org>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Madonna Inn
100 Madonna Rd
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
(805) 543-3000