



Ellsworth (Speedy) Sheetz of Fair Oaks, CA passed peacefully on Monday, June 27, 2016, eight days before his 86th birthday. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellsworth Sheetz III and Iva May Sheetz.

Ellsworth is survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen; three children, Suzanne (Rick Anderson), Robert (Beatka), and Craig (Stacy) Sheetz; five grandchildren, Brittany, Katrina, James, Jared, and Kai; two brothers, Richard (Trig) and Larry; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Born July 5, 1930 in San Francisco, Ellsworth attended Alhambra High School in Alhambra, CA, where he met his wife and a special group of friends who called themselves the Applecore. After reuniting at their 50th Alhambra High reunion, the Applecore have continued to gather annually for the last 16 years.

Ellsworth entered the Air National Guard in 1947 while in high school, then was called to active duty in 1951 and sent to Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. When the unit was deactivated in 1952, Ellsworth joined the regular Air Force. Twenty-six years later, after numerous assignments, multiple citations, and a Commendation Medal for service in Viet Nam, he retired from McClellan AFB at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. He spent another 20 years as a federal civil servant at McClellan before retiring again in 1992. Long ago his co-workers dubbed him "Speedy" after learning that his father, an avid race car driver, was known by the nickname "Speed."

Speedy was most proud of his loving marriage and successful children and grandchildren. He enjoyed family time above all other pursuits. He was a natural leader and role model, and his neighborhood called him "the Mayor of Vintage Way". He was an active member of Seniors in Retirement 102 and a ham radio operator (K6JSA).

Speedy was someone you could always depend on to do the right thing. He made a positive impact on many and will always be remembered in our hearts.

