

Richard Osborne “Dick” Pallin passed away peacefully of natural causes on Saturday, March 11, at the age of 95. Dick enjoyed a long and full life and was an inspiration to everyone who knew him; he lived each day with spirit and passion.

He loved to laugh and spread humor and goodwill to all he met, whether in the grocery store check out line, at church, or at his regular bridge games. When asked how he was doing, his standard reply was “Colossal, but improving!” He claimed the secret to his longevity was putting God, family, and country first, staying active, and keeping his mind alert by continuing to learn new things. Dick loved living near the Pacific Ocean, and on his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday he led the family down to Hermosa Beach to wade out into the surf and dip his blond head under the waves.

You could always tell that Dick Pallin was also a man of great integrity. He was the patriarch of the Pallin family who always remembered every birthday or anniversary. Everyone knew they could call to ask for his advice, and that he would put his great mind to the problem at hand and give good counsel. Dick’s loyalty and encouragement was something those who knew him could count on.

A native New Yorker, born to Swedish immigrant parents, Dick Pallin was a proud graduate of the class of 1933 from New York University, working his way through college during the Depression. After graduation, Dick worked in advertising for various East Coast firms, before volunteering for the Army during World War II. Serving as a captain and tank commander in the 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for courageous action in Germany.

After returning to civilian life, Dick married the love of his life, Jane Shafer Watkins in 1949. Together they moved to California, and raised their four children in Rolling Hills Estates, while Dick worked in Los Angeles as an advertising executive. After Dick took graduate courses at USC, he remained a true Trojan fan for life. An early and long time member of the St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes Estates, Dick Pallin served several years as the church’s business manager.

A devoted father and husband, Dick was widowed in 1983. In 1987 he married Flo Irwin and added her children and grandchildren to the fold. Sadly, Flo Irwin Pallin passed away in 1994. Dick eventually found a gracious partner and companion in Ruth Mullins, who shared his many interests, including playing bridge and traveling. At age 95, Dick Pallin was still living on his own with regular visits from his family, from Ruth Mullins, and from his valued caregiver Becky Johnson.

He is survived by his children Nancy Deming, Martha Babatola, Thomas Pallin, and Peter Pallin; grandchildren Erika Nungaray, Kara Kreer, Larz Gilbert, Alyssa Gilbert, Emily Pallin, and Zachary Pallin; great-grandchildren Jacob and Jane Nungaray, Ryan Gilbert; as well as by all of his extended family through love and/or marriage: Terry Deming, Akin Babatola, Javier Nungaray, Jeff Kreer, Mandy and Brett Barbosa and their children Kristopher and Ginger, Erik Deming, Vikki Irwin, Cheri Hall and her sons Travis and Kevin, and Ruth Mullins and her family.

Dick Pallin will be sorely missed, yet his memory will be cherished always. Everyone who met him felt lucky just to have known him.

As Dick would say as he drove up the hills of Palos Verdes, with the top down on the car, his fist pumped in the air ... “CHARGE!”

After the memorial service, and honoring his wishes, Dick’s family will scatter his ashes into the Pacific Ocean he so loved, near where his wife Jane’s ashes were scattered, in view St. Francis church.