

## Robert G. "Bob" Walters

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August 5, 2017 Bob was born in San Francisco and grew up in Lancaster, a city located in the Antelope Valley area of Southern CA. He died after a brief battle with an aggressive cancer. He attended public schools in Lancaster where he was a popular student, an athlete, played in the school marching band (marching in the Rose Bowl Parade), and was his high school student body president. The family, mother Leanora, father Bill and brother Brien enjoyed many wonderful trips in the Northern California wilderness, Trinity Alps, Lassen and along the Pacific Coast. Upon graduation, Bob earned a football scholarship to University of California at Los Angeles where he was an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He later interrupted his academic career, joining the US [Army](#) and becoming a medic at the Brook Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. After his service in the Army, he returned to UCLA (choosing to play rugby instead of football) and graduated in 1959. Upon graduation, he accepted an internship with the Coro Foundation and later worked there while attending San Francisco Law School (and playing rugby for the premier Olympic Club). He earned his Juris Doctorate in 1966 and passed the State Bar later that year. Bob came to Sacramento in 1966 as a member of Governor Ronald Reagan's transition team. During the next five years, Bob served in a variety of capacities: he was appointed as Assistant to the Secretary of Health and Welfare; Deputy Director and Legal Counsel for the Office of Economic Opportunity; and, Executive Secretary for the State Board of Corrections. Bob later worked in the Capitol as Staff Director to the Majority Floor Leader of the Assembly. From 1973 to 1985 Bob was a founding partner in the firm of Biddle, Walters and Bukey. The firm dealt primarily with education law and represented clients before all levels of California government. During this time, Bob also contracted as legal counsel to the California School Boards Association to represent them in the drafting and enactment of the Educational Employment Relations Act (the Rodda Act). The firm merged with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard in 1985, where Bob became a shareholder and continued to practice school law and legislative advocacy for a variety of clients before the California Legislature and Executive Branch as well as local government. In 1991 Bob became a partner in California Advocates where he continued his career as a Legislative Advocate representing the firm's many and varied clients with an emphasis on medical and health care issues. Retiring in 2001, he continued to serve the firm and its clients as Of Counsel until 2005. During Bob's many years of active community service, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed him to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (2009). He also served as a Member of the Sacramento County Planning Commission (2002-2003), Past President and Member of the Board for the Capitol Division of the March of Dimes (1990-2003), Member of the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (1985-1991), Member of the Sacramento City-County Reorganization and Consolidation Commission (1985-1986) and Past-President and Board Member of the San Juan Unified School District Board of Education (1972-1978). In 2006 Bob was elected to the San Juan Water District where he served on the Board of Directors and as President in 2009 and 2014. He continued to serve up until his death. Bob lived in Folsom for the past six years and was previously a longtime resident of Fair Oaks. He was active in the Fair Oaks Rotary, a Past-President, as well as a Past-President of the Fair Oaks Rotary's Foundation Board. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Fair Oaks Theatre Festival. A long-time community

activist, he was one of the four founders of the Fair Oaks Chicken Festival and instrumental in the annual collection and distribution of free children's books on Halloween. Whether running a football, representing clients, or fighting for the issues he cared so much about, Bob was an exemplary leader and pillar of the community. We will miss his passion, keen wit and gregarious nature. Bob is survived by his loving fiance and long-time companion, Cleatta Simpson, his brother Brien Walters, his adult children Dorianne Walters, William (Bill) Walters, Jennifer Taggert, and Keri Walters, as well as his two grandchildren, one great-grandson and many wonderful nieces, great-nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held at Saint Francis Episcopal Church, 11430 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name may be made to the [Rotary International](#) Foundation, the St. Francis Outreach Program, the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, or the USO. Arrangements by Russ Monroe FuneralHome, (916) 961-1265.

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