

# Harry W Titus

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CITY — Harry Wayne Titus, 99 years young, died peacefully at home after a brief illness. Son of Clifford L. Titus and Jesse Chase, Harry was born in Micanopy FL. He was brought up in show business and the railroad, a life on the road, and of constant movement.

He married Justine and his long partnership of 66 years informed his life. He is survived by his four children, Paddi Just, Brooke Deputy, Marc Titus and Kirk Titus. He is also survived by 11 Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren, and six Great-great grand children.

LT Commander Titus of the US Navy was a Blimp pilot, both in World War 2 and the Korean conflict. Long after retirement, he continued to play an active role with the LTA or Lighter than Air Society (for former Blimp pilots and crews). He wrote of his exploits and the world of blimps and published a book, *Those Truculent Poopies*.

After the Korean conflict, Harry brought his family to CA where he became a full-time National Guard officer retiring from the US Army Reserve with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1977. He and Justine moved to Oceanside where they lived for 25 years.

A well-known contributor to the



Opinion pages of the North County Times, he received a Best Satirical Letter award from the North County Forum in January, 2008. He was an avid genealogist tracing his family back hundreds of years.

Harry enjoyed his role as a senior volunteer police patrol (SVPD) in Oceanside retiring from the Department at age 95. He continued his relationship with the department with daily visits and lunches with the "patrol." In addition, in his last years, he was honored as the oldest student at Mira Costa College participating in chair yoga and improvisation classes.

Harry loved his family and was always happiest sharing life stories and a glass of wine.

His biggest complaint at the age of 95, was that he turned "prematurely grey."

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