



## **William Joseph O'Connor**

November 12, 1940 - June 12, 2021

Bill passed away peacefully on June 12th at the age of 80 after prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife Gay (Martin), sons Jeremiah and Eric and his beloved dog, Izzy. He also leaves behind his brothers Peter, Michael and Charles, sisters Kathleen, Maura, Margaret and Dorothy and his stepmother, Ann. He was predeceased by his parents Jeremiah W. O'Connor and Marjorie Quigley O'Connor and siblings Jeremiah, Paul, Joseph and Christopher.

The eldest of eleven, Bill grew up in Newton, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Boston College High School, the College of the Holy Cross ('62) and Harvard Business School ('67). Bill began his career in commercial real estate finance in San Francisco with the Rouse Company. Returning to the East Coast, he and Gay raised their family in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts and he continued his real estate career as a partner at Fowler, Goedecke, Ellis and O'Connor in Boston. Always desirous of returning to the West Coast, Bill and Gay moved back to San Francisco where he joined Argus Financial. Upon retirement, he and Gay relocated to Corral de Tierra on the central coast of California.

Bill began his many explorations as a young officer in the Navy when he served in Japan and the Mediterranean and subsequently travelled the world. Ironically, his favorite writer was John Steinbeck, author of *The Pastures of Heaven*, where Bill happily spent his final years.