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February 5, 1923 - October 20, 2014

Robert "Bob" Lester passed away October 20 at the age of 91 in Pasadena. He was born February 5, 1923, in Norman, Oklahoma, and then moved to Highland Park, California in his early years. Bob graduated from Franklin High School in 1940. Bob was a [veteran](#) of [WWII](#) serving active duty in the USNR shortly after Pearl Harbor until October of 1946. After V-J Day, Bob was assigned to the USS Piedmont as the Electrical Maintenance Manager, while in Yokosuka, Japan. Bob very much enjoyed intellectual endeavors graduating from Cal Tech in 1944 and he also pursued academic and other undertakings while at Cornell, Princeton, and MIT. He was a big fan of tennis, playing regularly until recent times. Bob also found enjoyment investing in the stock market. When he married Joanne in 1998, he gained three additional children and seven grandchildren, whom he loved very much. Bob's daughter, Robin, resides in Chicago, and, his son, Steven, predeceased him when he had an accident at 29 years of age. Aside from those in California who loved him and will miss him, he had many friends and relatives in Oklahoma and Texas. A private memorial will be held with full military honors.

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