

June 22, 1935 **Ryan-Elder**

The wedding of Miss Edna Mae Ryan of this city and Bernard Elder of Bloomfield was solemnized last Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock at St. Augustine's parochial residence in this city with the Rev. Joseph W. Saffer performing the ceremony in the presence of only a few relatives and friends.

Miss Nellie Ryan, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and Clarence Ryan, brother of the bride, was Mr. Elder's best man.

The bride was attractively attired in a rose crepe dress with a white hat and other accessories to match. She wore a shoulder bouquet of pink roses.

The bridesmaid wore a white and brown ensemble with a white hat and other accessories to match. Her flowers were a shoulder bouquet of yellow roses.

Mrs. Elder is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ryan and is an attractive young woman with a wide circle of friends. After graduating from St. Augustine's High School, she attended St. Catharine's Junior College. During the past two years she has been a successful teacher in the county schools.

The groom, who is a graduate of the Bloomfield High School, is a civil engineer employed by the State Highway Department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Elder of Nelson County.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which Mr. and Mrs. Elder left on a bridal trip through the Cumberland Mountains. Upon their return they will go to housekeeping at Campbellsville.

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Thomas Hughes Elder, 82

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Thomas Hughes Elder, 82, 1599 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio, died at 1:56 a.m., Aug. 12, 1990, at Doctors Hospital West in Columbus, Ohio.

Elder was a native of Marion County and was custodian at St. Mary of the Springs Mother House in Columbus, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benedict and Catherine Louise Logsdon Elder and three brothers,

Richard, Billy and Louis Elder. Survivors include: six brothers, Bert of Lebanon, Harold and Paul of St. Mary, Frank of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., John Melton of Louisville and Joe Elder of Dalls City, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 13, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at Bosley Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Ben Elder, Ben Browning, Mark, Eric, Doug and Larry Elder.

Prayers services were conducted Aug. 11 a.m., Aug. 14, 1990, at St. Charles Catholic Church with was in charge of the arrangements.

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Wathen-Elder

A wedding that came as a pleasant surprise was that of Miss Catherine Anita Wathen and Lawrence J. Elder which was solemnized in the presence of relatives and a few close friends at St. Augustine's Catholic church Monday morning at 5:30 o'clock, the Rev. J. A. Hogarty, officiating. A low mass followed the ceremony. The attendants were Mrs. Regina Wathen Raley, sister of the bride, and Frank X. Thomas.

The bride was attired in a dress of hyacinth blue crepe with hat and accessories to match. Her flowers were an arm bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Raley wore a smoke blue crepe ensemble. She carried yellow roses.

Following the service, the bridal party was served a wedding breakfast at the bride's home on West Main street by her sister, Miss Rosa Wathen, after which Mr. and Mrs. Elder left on a short bridal trip.

Mrs. Elder is a daughter of the late John Henry and Mary Mackin Wathen and has for a number of years been a member of the staff of The Enterprise. Her friendliness, her quiet, unaffected personality and her lovable disposition have won for her a wide circle of friends, all of whom wish for Mr. and Mrs. Elder much and continued happiness.

Mr. Elder is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Elder of St. Mary, and for the past two years has been associated with the Lerman Brothers Department Store here. Prior to that time he was manager of an A. & P. grocery store at Scottsville. He is highly regarded by all who know him.

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Jack & Kay Elder:

He was a football hero, she a student at a private all-girl school. Their long life together produced a lasting legacy and enriched Montecito.



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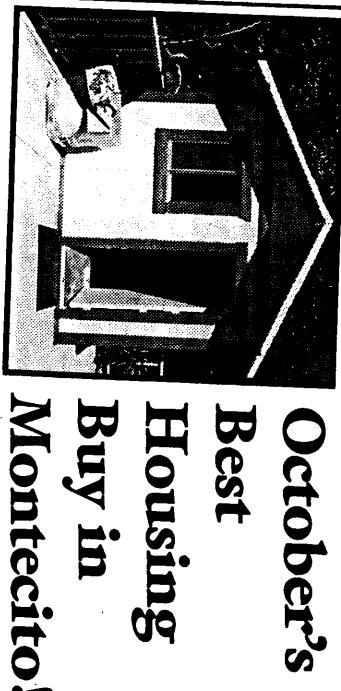


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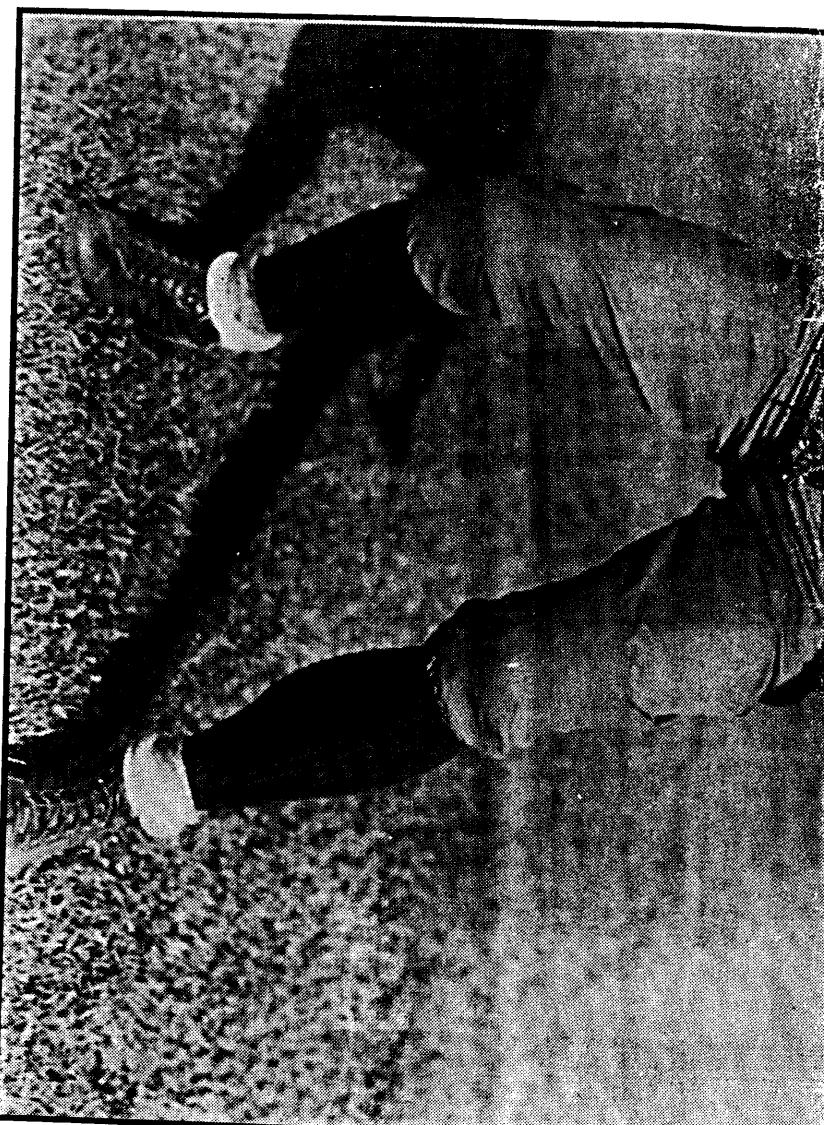
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Yes, Virginia there is a Boogeyman! Halloween is just around the corner!



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Former Montecito resident Jack Elder scored the only touchdown of the game for Notre Dame as Knute Rockne's unbeaten 1929 Championship team defeated Army at New York's Yankee Stadium.



An American Family: “A Giant Walked Among Us”

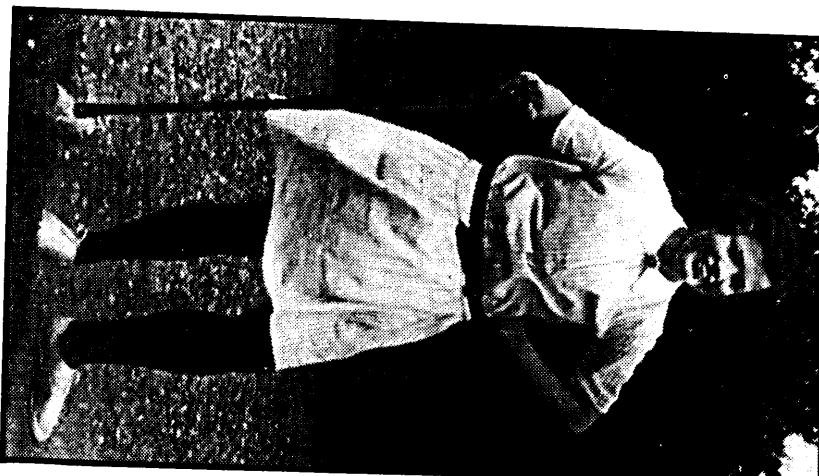
by Jim Buckley

Montecito, over the years, has been honored with the company of giants. Charlie Chaplin, Leopold Stokowski, Dr. Nathan Pritikin, Linus Pauling, Dr. George Fisher, who died 5 years ago on November 19, 1991, are but a few.

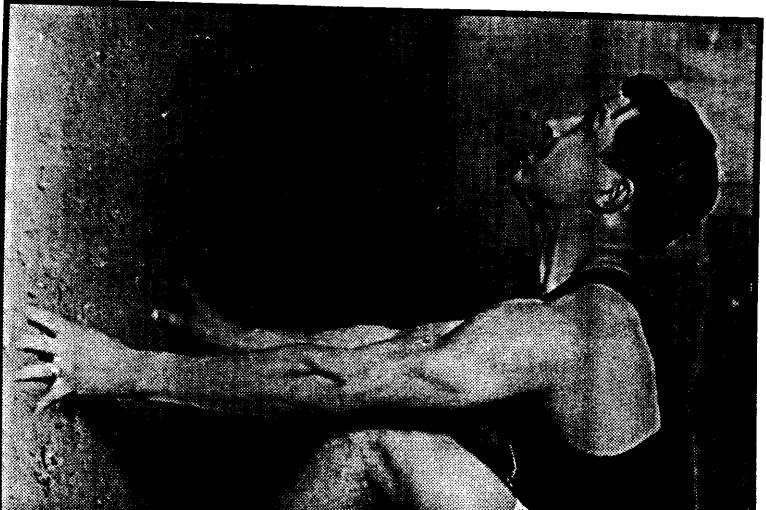
Knute Rockne's “key” Player

Jack Elder was born February 25, 1906 in Lebanon, Kentucky and played football for Notre Dame from 1927 to 1929. As a halfback, and one of the fastest men in the world at the time, he was the key player on Knute Rockne's undefeated 1929 national championship team. The '29 squad played every game that year on the road—Notre Dame's football stadium was being built. In addition to the handicap of no home games, Mr. Rockne coached from a wheel chair during the

better part of the season, due to a blood clot in his brain. While his wife, Ruth, was caring for him, he was able to coach the team to a 10-0 record. The team was undefeated in 1929, and the only indication (besides the fact he usually won) of what an athlete he had once been.



1929 didn't just bring a National football championship. In February of that same year Jack Elder beat Olympic champion Percy Williams of Canada in indoor 60 yard dash at Madison Square Garden.

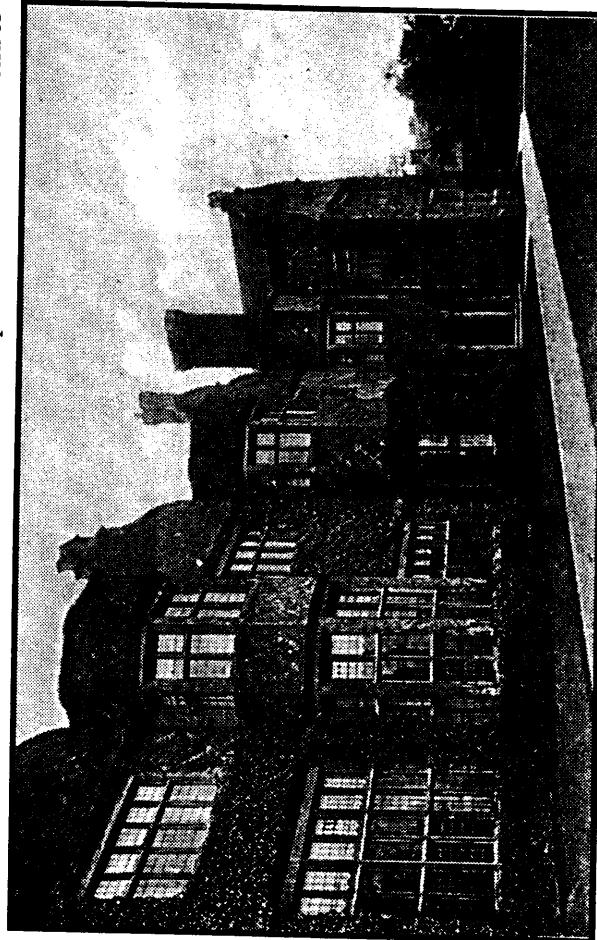


the 14-yard line by cadet Chris “Red” Cagle, intended for Army receiver Ed Messenger. It was a touchdown pass. Unfortunately for Army, Jack caught it in the end zone and ran it back 100 yards for the score. Notre Dame won 7-0. His

100 yard run was timed at 10.1 seconds.

and seen by moviegoers throughout the land over and over again. His name fell from the lips of kids from South Bend to

records, Kathryn Ann Schevers enjoyed her own sport at Poles Convent, in Herts, England.



East view of the Convent called "Poles," in Ware, Herts, England, where Kay Schevers attended an all-girl private school.

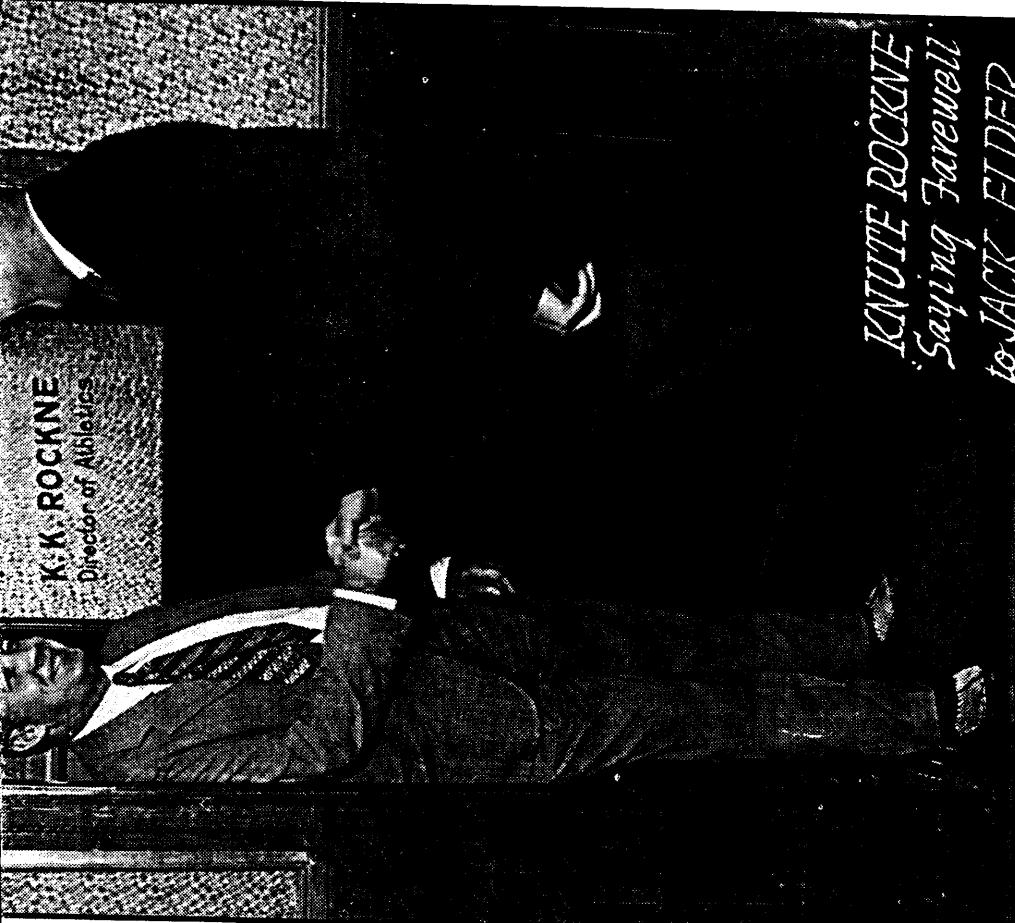
Los Angeles, Chicago to New York City. Notre Dame was America's football team, and speedy Jack Elder was its hero.

"In my entire football career I never faced anybody over 200 pounds," Jack once told me. He was 5' 8" and weighed 165 at the top of his form.

Rockne was also a former track man, having set a school record (Knute attended Notre Dame) of 12' 4" in the pole vault, and was captain of the All-American team of 1913. Perhaps that's why Rockne chose Elder as his "key" man on the foot-

clot in his leg. Notre Dame won every match-up and, at the end of the season, on a cold November 30, 1929, faced a formidable Army team in front of 85,000 fans at Yankee Stadium, to decide the national title.

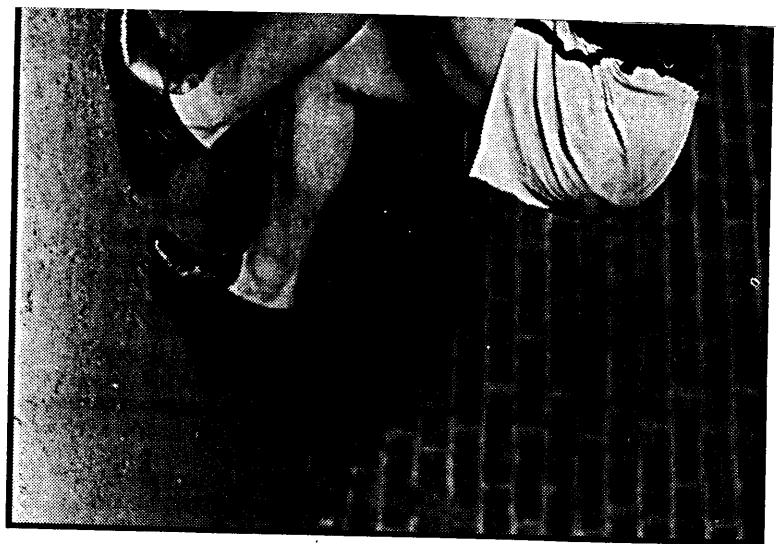
There was only one touchdown that day. Jack Elder intercepted a pass thrown deep within Notre Dame's territory from



Legendary football coach Knute Rockne wishes Jack Elder success after graduation from Notre Dame, 1930.

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If we give to the Federal Government this unlimited power of taxation, it will produce such dreadful o-



wrote for the student newspaper before becoming a coach. Jack went on to become a sports writer for the Chicago Herald Examiner, paralleling another of his mentor's career moves.

Fastest Man In The World

Jack once defeated "the fastest man in the world," Canadian Percy Williams, an Olympic sprint champ, in a one-on-one meet in Madison Square Garden—the only race the two ever faced each other in. Jack Elder set or tied 17 world-record sprint times in his track career.

In 1986 Jack was honored with the Harvey Foster Award at Notre Dame and received a roaring, standing ovation from a packed stadium. He was the founding athletic director of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO).

ball team. Knute boxed as a semi-pro and Knute Rockne died in a plane crash on March 31, 1931 in a field outside Bazaar, Kansas, and Jack Elder was one of the last men to have seen him alive.

The Wedding

Jack, who was Secretary for the Illinois Athletic Commission at the time, met Kathryn Ann (Kay) Schevers in 1939. Their Chicago wedding in 1941 was a huge social event, the ceremony having been performed by Bishop Shiel. Eighteen months later their first daughter was born,

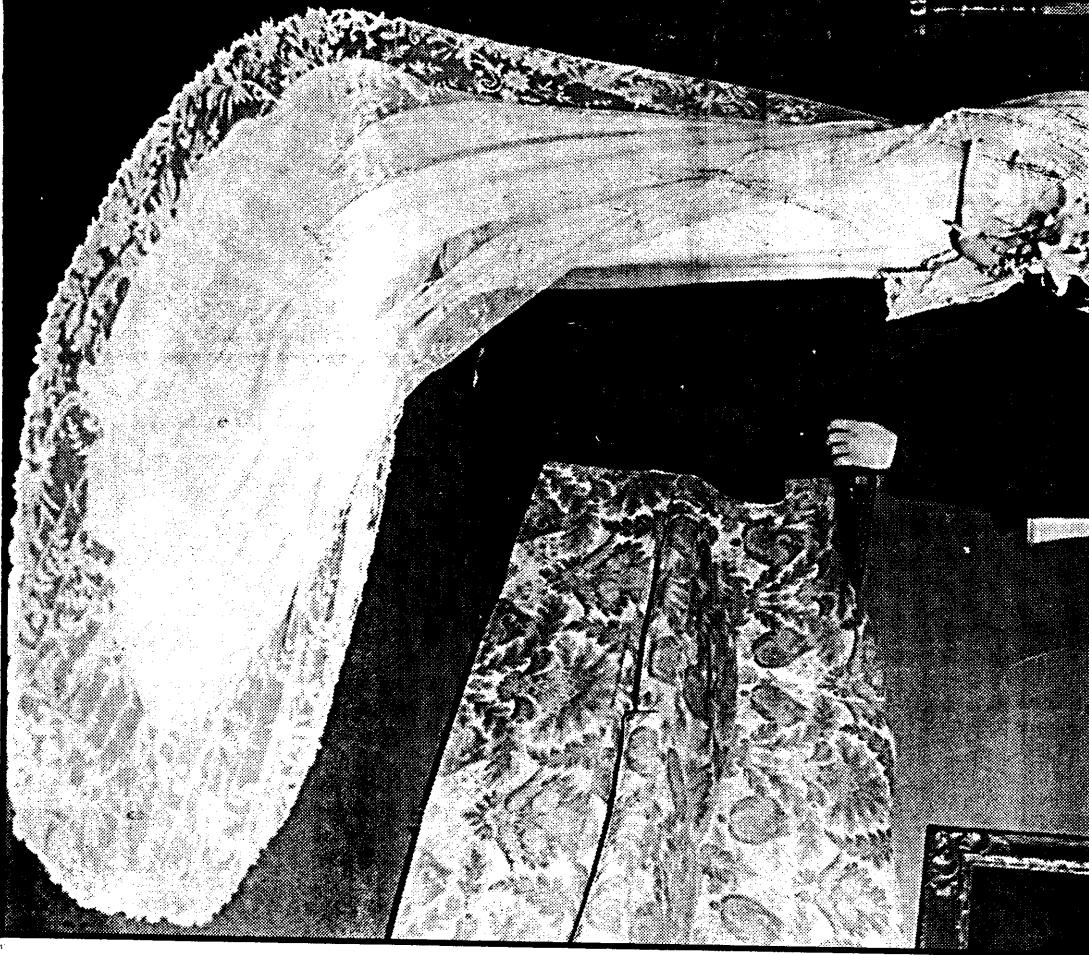
Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and Martha is a caterer for the movie industry in the San Francisco area. George Lucas is among her clients.

No Time In Purgatory

Jack Elder died December 6, 1992. Whenever he was asked how long he wanted to live, his standard answer was "Older than my Notre Dame team number (84)." He was 86 when he died, the last remaining member of the '29 team.

All ten children showed up for Kay's last days, as they did for Jack's, four years earlier. In fact, in every family emergency, the "kids" could always be counted on to get together for support on a moment's notice.

Son-in-law Michael Mauner noted that Thirteenth Century poet Dante Alighieri suggested purgatory was the time one suffered before dying an earthly death. If he was correct, then neither Jack nor Kay spent much time there. For both, the end came quickly and without a lot of fuss. Kay died July 31st of this year and Jack passed away December 6, 1992.



Knute "Rock" Rockne explains finer points of football to Jack.

followed by three more girls until the first boy, John Elder Jr. arrived.

Jack and Kay chose Montecito as their retirement haven when, upon passing through, they spotted three rainbows clinging to the mountains from the highway. Reading that as a sign, they dropped plans to move to Cherry Valley and settled here. In 1975, he became co-founder of the Santa Barbara Junior Golf Association, which honors him every year with the Jack Elder Junior Golf Tournament, held at the Municipal Golf Course on Las Positas.

The Children

Of the Elder children: Jane, a former Broadway actress, is now a soloist at Old Mission Santa Barbara and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; Sissy is an artist in Carpinteria; Tom is Head Doorman at the Four Seasons Biltmore; John and Paul build award-winning homes in Michigan; Mitzi works with American Express Platinum Division in Florida; Margaret is a language teacher in Marion, Kansas; George is a TV and film producer and has recently released "The Fighting Irish—The History of Notre Dame Football" on CD-ROM in partnership with NBC Sports; Elizabeth works at

Jack Elder married Kathryn "Kay" Schevers on January 4, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois.



Kay Joins Jack

Tom told the story of his last hours with his mother. "Mom, don't worry, you'll make it through the gates of heaven," he promised. Kay, who was always a fastidious one, lying on her back, looked upwards and asked "Who's polishing the gates?" hoping if it hadn't been assigned yet, she'd get the job.

Two weeks before Kay's passing she said good-bye to her oldest two sons: "There's going to be some new rules around here," Kay decided. "First, I'm not staying in bed." With that she rose from her deathbed, got dressed and went for a ride visiting her favorite spots in Montecito. They drove along Channel Drive, visited Jack's grave at the cemetery, went by the Biltmore and stopped to enjoy the ocean view which she loved, and finally to her former home on Oak Springs Lane.

Oppression as the people cannot possibly bear.—PATRICK HENRY, at Constitutional Convention, 1787

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The Old Mission

Kay's memorial mass was held at Old Mission Santa Barbara, in the rose-colored beauty of the Friar's Chapel. Father Virgil Cordano spoke at length about this couple he knew so intimately. It was obvious he missed them both. Music was sung by the Santa Barbara Choir, led by the pastor of the Mission, Father Vincent Mesi's striking tenor voice. Curiously, as this remembrance went on, the rhythmic horns of Fiesta filled the air outside the chapel.

Events and families move through the Old Mission and though, to an untrained eye, the building looks immobile, to one versed in the nature of these things the Mission grows in size with every birth, and the bell towers inch higher with every death—breathing in at the beginning of a life, exhaling at each passing.

"Miss me, but let me go"

Daughter-in-law Mary read a poem, found among Kay's treasures, called: "Miss me, but let me go." Most of her sons and daughters also spoke, offering anecdotes and upbeat memories of this exceptional woman.

Sissy, who has been confined to a wheelchair since an auto accident over 35 years ago thanked "everyone for taking care of me so often, especially my mother. I spent four and a half months in the hospital when I got into the accident that left me in a wheel chair. My mother was there every day," she wept.

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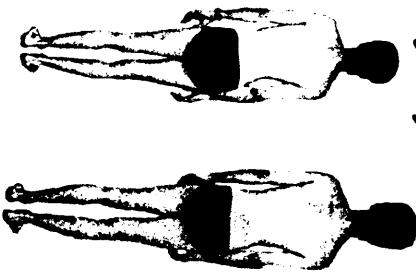
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As Kay lay dying Tom and his wife Cheryl wiped a tear from her eye and whispered "You're going to join Jack, Mom." Kay Elder looked at her family softly and said simply, "You were always my best friends."

Kay Elder took her last peaceful breath and died at her son's home with a pearl rosary in her hands and the family gathered around. Two grandchildren covered her bed with rose petals while Schubert's "Ave Maria," and then daughter Jane's recording of "On Eagle's Wings" played in the background.

Santa Barbara and Montecito have been enriched by its association with the Elders. They were modest, honest and kind, and left a legacy of ten close, compassionate children, 25 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



Kathryn "Kay" Elder



Jack and Kay celebrated 50 years of marriage surrounded by nearly all their progeny. Photo taken outside the *Biltmore Four Seasons Hotel*, by Hal Boucher in 1991.

October 8, 1996

Dear Friends at the Library,

We thought you might enjoy this, as it is about a local boy who did very well.

My father, who grew up in Lebanon, knew Jack Elder. On my parents first visit to see us here in Montecito (next door to Santa Barbara, CA) he called on Jack, and Jack came over to our house for lunch. He was a very spry man of about 82, and I had no idea he was the football hero as described in this article. My father only mentioned to me that he had played football at Notre Dame.

Enjoy!

Very truly yours,



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