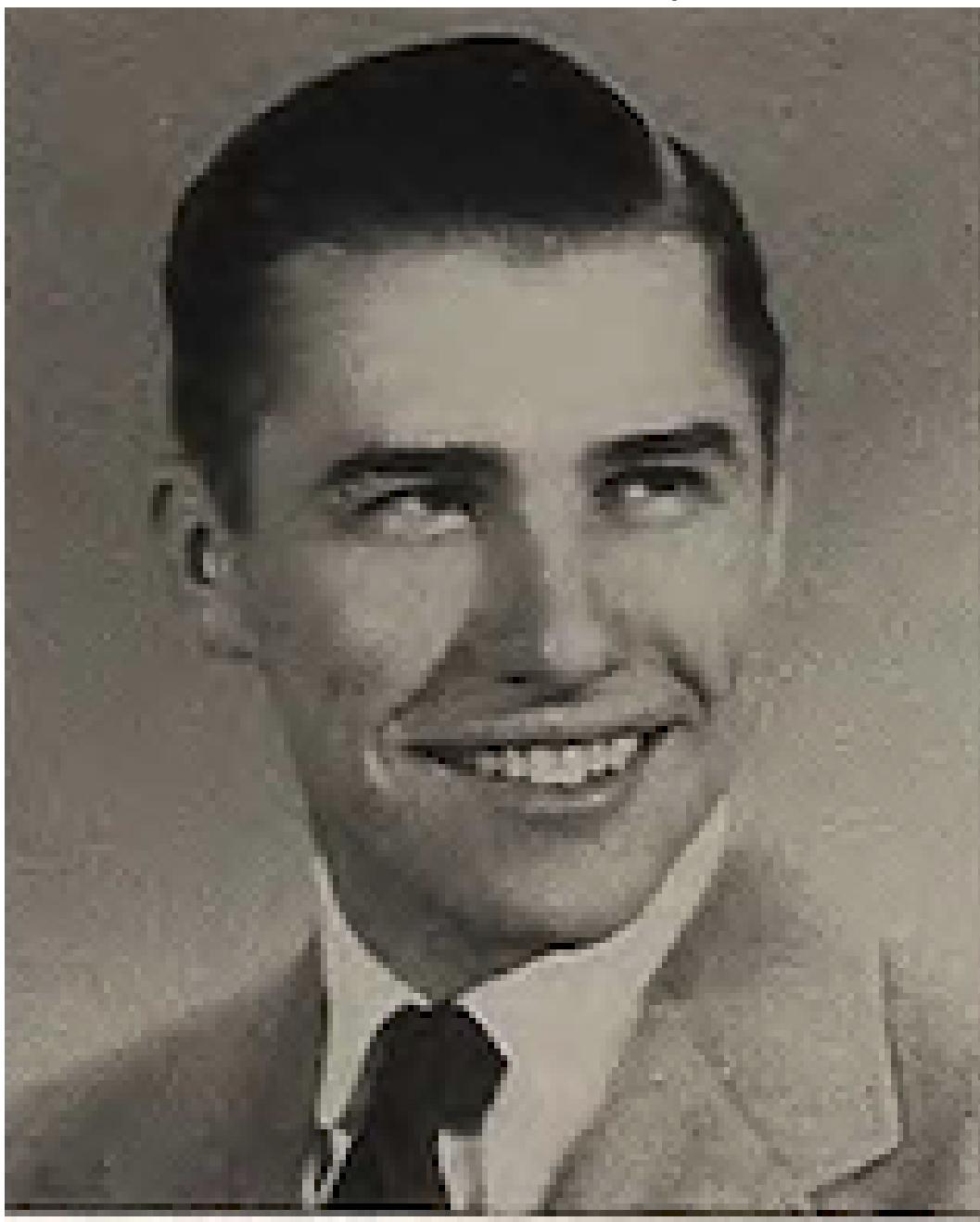


LT Robert M. Negendank

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WINS COMMISSION AS ENSIGN IN NAVY

Robert M. Negendank, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Negendank, 623 Fifteenth street, has been awarded the coveted "Navy Wings of Gold" and has been commissioned an ensign in the U. S. naval reserve at the naval air training center, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Ensign Negendank received his wings with the designation of a naval aviator from Rear Admiral A. E. Montgomery, commandant of the training center, at graduation exercises.

Negendank volunteered for flight training in February, 1942, and received preliminary instruction at the U. S. naval reserve aviation base, Glenview, Ill. Upon the successful completion of this training he was transferred to Corpus Christi for intermediate and advanced training at this "University of the Air," the world's largest naval aviation training center.

In addition to flight instruction, Ensign Negendank completed a thorough ground school course, including navigation, radio code, gunnery and bombing theory, communication and other aeronautical subjects.

Ensign Negendank attended Oshkosh State Teachers college and the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1941. At college he was on the tennis team.

Robert M. Negendank

November 7, 1919 - July 14, 2008

Long time Los Gatos High School Teacher Robert M. Negendank passed away peacefully on July 14, 2008 at the age of 88. He was a resident of Los Gatos for 60 years.

Born and raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Bob was a state champion tennis player in High School where he met his wife Esther (deceased). He graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a major in Economics, tennis and Esther. In 1941 Bob joined the Naval Air Corps and spent the war years in Corpus Christi, Texas as a flight instructor for South American cadets. He married Esther there in 1943. After the war he attended both the schools of Law and Education at Stanford University. Upon graduation he moved to Los Gatos to teach at Los Gatos High School where he stayed 38 years educating the youth of Los Gatos in Social Studies. Bob taught long enough to teach 3 generations of Los Gatos families. Bob also taught a class in citizenship at night where he developed many lasting friendships with his students. Besides teaching, Bob had a love of sports. He coached both tennis and golf at Los Gatos High School taking many teams to both regional



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and state championships. He played tennis and golf with friends throughout his life and found great comfort in those memories. Upon his retirement he became an active member of the SIRS of Los Gatos. Raised in a Lutheran family, he found a home at Faith Lutheran Church in Los Gatos. As a founding member, Bob graciously gave his time to many leadership positions. For several years he served as the congregation's president, director of Sunday school programs and held various positions on the church council.

Bob played an active role in the raising of his children as a baseball and tennis coach, fishing instructor, master camper and story teller. Bob will be missed by his children, Mimi, Bob (Ann) and Terry (Paula); and grandchildren Lee, Eric, Julia and Heidi who all will treasure many fond memories of him.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church at 16548 Ferris Avenue in Los Gatos at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. Donations to Faith Lutheran Church are preferred in lieu of flowers.