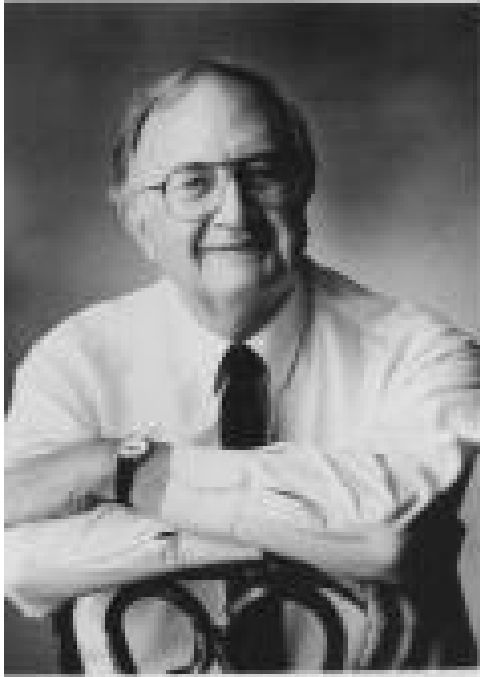


# Cal Bollwinkel, 88

## *Sacramento, Bay Area Television Icon*

**Cal Bollwinkel**, a longtime veteran of Sacramento and Bay Area television, has died, two weeks shy of what would have been his 89th birthday.

Bollwinkel died April 17.



**Cal Bollwinkel**  
*Veteran of Sacramento and Bay Area television*

Born Calvin Bollwinkel on April 30, 1925 in Brooklyn, New York, to **Elmer** and **Loretta Bollwinkel**, he and his brother, **Hank**, were graduates of Ridgefield Park High School in New Jersey. In 1943, Bollwinkel interrupted his studies in broadcasting at Michigan State University in East Lansing to serve his country in uniform.

Bollwinkel fought in the Pacific during World War II and was honorably discharged as Staff Sergeant in the US Army. Upon return to MSU he was elected President of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He would earn his degree in Broadcasting. It was at college where he met **Julia Stewart** of Kalamazoo, Michigan. They were married on June 3, 1950.

Bollwinkel began his distinguished broadcasting career at WAUC radio in Hudson, New York and WHFB radio in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He became a popular morning disc jockey at WOWO in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and transitioned into television at KYW, Philadelphia. Moving to California in 1967 he worked at KPIX, San Francisco before settling into 28 years of program operations management at KXTV 10 and KTXL Fox40 from which he retired in 1999.

While at Channel 40, Cal was also Editorial Director and was known throughout Sacramento as the stations' on air editorial voice, receiving an Emmy nomination for his work. Recognized throughout the industry for his integrity, honesty and kindness, upon his retirement KTXL established a scholarship for future broadcasters in his name. He is a member of the Valley Broadcast Legends. Volunteerism was a core value for Cal Bollwinkel throughout his life. Bollwinkel was a passionate San Francisco Giants fan, transferring his allegiance from the New York Giants when the team moved to California in 1958. He played golf throughout the Sacramento area with many, dear and life-long friends.

Calvin A. Bollwinkel is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Julia Bollwinkel**; son **Mark** and daughter-in-law **Bonnie Bollwinkel**; son **Paul** and life-partner **Robert Atanasio**; daughter **Karen** and husband **David Drake**; daughter **Jan Bollwinkel-Smith** and husband **George Smith**; five grandchildren: **Daniel Bollwinkel (Lindsay)** and **Matthew Bollwinkel (Sara)**, **Ian** and **Evan Drake**, and **Julia Smith**.

A celebration of Bollwinkel's life will be held at 2 p.m., May 10, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, Sacramento.

## End Of An Era In Sacramento

### *After 21 Years As News Director At KMAX, Brent Baader Saying Goodbye After May Book*

**Brent Baader**, who has served as news director of Sacramento's KMAX for the