

1983 IN MEMORIAM

Robert Middagh

Robert Middagh, the Capitol Restoration Project on-site Superintendent for the Joint Venture General Contractor, Continental Heller-Swinerton & Walberg, died in 1983 while on assignment for Continental Heller at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He was 63.

Middagh was a colorful storyteller who enjoyed the company of his foremen. He had a gruff, no-nonsense manner that left no doubt that he was in charge of a rough and tumble construction site. His manner softened, however, after one earned his trust.

Born in Minnesota in 1920, Bob had served as a soldier in the Army Corps of Engineers building hospitals in the Pacific during WWII. He was an old school construction man who took pride in his willingness to pack up and move his family wherever the next job took him. He was a very skilled builder who could turn design ideas into reality through skillful heavy bracing, shoring, and concrete forming. His slightly off-color vocabulary was memorable.