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Here is part of a tribute from Linda Mandolini, President of Eden Housing of Hayward:

“It is with great sadness that I pass on the news that Eden’s founding Board member, William “Bill” Vandenburg passed away. As many of you know, Bill was a driving force behind the formation of Eden in 1968. He and several others came together to do something about what was then known as Open Housing. Today we know it as fair housing. That first board of volunteers went to work on a CA ballot initiative for Open Housing, which sadly did not pass. Undeterred, Bill and the other founders came together and started building housing, first they adopted 6 families and did a Habitat for Humanity-style self-help project. For their second act as a board, they built Josephine Lum Lodge - a 150-unit affordable senior housing complex here in Hayward, that we still own today. That first board did that work as volunteers, an amazing feat … .”

A few years ago, Bill and his wife, Rita, moved to Oregon to be close to his daughter, Laura, who serves as Dean of the School of Art and Design at the University of Oregon. If you’d like to send condolences, you can send them to Rita Vandenburg, 636 D Street, Springfield, OR 97477.