



Albert Robert Young

February 18, 1931 - April 5, 2015

YOUNG, ALBERT ROBERT "ALBIE"

2/18/1931 -4/5/2015

Albert R. Young died on April 5, 2015, from complications of a stroke.

Al was born to Irene and Harold Young on February 18, 1931 at Cottage Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Randy, brothers, Royal, Howard, Donald and sisters Clivia, and Harriett (aka Hattie). He graduated from Santa Barbara High in 1949, after high school he played football at Santa Barbara Junior College, and Ventura Junior College. He worked one year before joining the U.S. Air Force and served four years including time in Korea during the war. When he returned home he was stationed in Utah, when he met his first wife (Patricia). Upon discharge they were married in Santa Barbara. They had together three children Randy, Chris and Renee.

When discharged from the Air Force he attended Santa Barbara Junior College and played on the first football team the school established. He and his first wife (Pat) moved to Fresno, where he went to school and played Semi-Pro Football in Fresno and Bakersfield. He began to work for the State of California (Division of Highways) doing engineering work.

He was given the opportunity to move back to Santa Barbara and continued to work for the Division of Highways for ten years. He was hired by E.H. Haskell Construction Co., where he was an estimator. Years later Granite Construction bought out Haskell and Al went along with the package. He worked for Granite as an estimator until retirement in 1993.

During his high school years, Al was very active in sports. He won many awards for track and football. Al played with the "Golden Tornados", for the Southern California football CIF Championship in the Los Angeles Coliseum against St. Anthony's Long Beach 1948. In 1947 he and his brother, Don, won the Class C Championship in Track for sprints and relay. In 1948 & 1949 they won it for Class B.

Al and Pat were divorced in early 1980s. Pat passed away from cancer 1993. He met Sally in the mid 80s and they were married on April 5, 1986 in Carmel. During their married years, he became a Catholic. They had been attending Mass regularly at the Santa Barbara Mission.

He is survived by his wife, Sally, her children Gia Motti, a Granddaughter, Rose Darley and Rick Giacomotti (and Rick's wife, Karon), and his children Renee & Chris Young (and Chris' wife, Sharon) as well as his grandchildren, BreAnna Church, Carley Russell, Shelby Meijer, and Wyatt Meijer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the charity of your choice in his memory.

Mass to be held at the Old Mission on Thursday, April 23, 2015, 10 AM.

There will be a private burial. Once a Don, always a Don.

Comments



“ Sally and Family.....I was so sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was a wonderful guy and a big help to me when I came to Santa Barbara with Granite in the early 70's. He was one of the first Haskell people to embrace Granite's acquisition and his support was instrumental in our ability to gain acceptance in the community. Al knew everyone in Santa Barbara and he was liked and respected by all. He had a happy smile that was very disarming and a positive attitude that was contagious. I will remember him fondly as one of the really good guys I had the pleasure of knowing and working with.

Bill Dorey

Bill Dorey - April 21, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ Our condolences to you, Sally, and the family. We remember Al for his happy nature and friendship. It was always a pleasure to visit with him when you folks lived on Vista Bahia. After you moved, Al often stopped by to chat. He liked people and was a friend to most everyone he met. He leaves the world with his mark of generous love to others.

Merlyn and Helen Cummings

Merlyn Cummings - April 17, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ Sally and Family, Tom and I send our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers for the loss of Albie, Always a good friend, and had the ability to put a smile on everybody's face. We will miss his fun spirit and loving attitude and spirit.

To comfort you in your sorrow,

Carol and Tom Rohrback



Carol Rohrback - April 17, 2015 at 10:16 AM