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**Ronald M. Theobald(1943 - 2016)**

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July 28, 1943 ~ April 15, 2016

Resident of Walnut Creek

Ron was a talented baseball player, playing on a Berkeley Babe Ruth baseball team and an Oakland Connie Mack baseball team each going to the National Championships. He attended Berkeley High School and in 1959 lead the league in hitting and was named all A.C.A.L. The next year his family moved to Richmond, CA where he attended Harry Ells High School in 1960 and 1961, played baseball and was named All-League both years. He attended Contra Costa Junior College in 1962 and played baseball. In 1963 he attended University of Arizona, played 2nd base where he earned All-American honors. The Wildcats went to the College World Series where he earned All-College World Series honors as 2nd baseman. After the College World Series he signed with the Chicago Cubs, played in the minor league system until 1971 when he played 2nd base for the Milwaukee Brewers for two seasons. In 1973 he was sent to the Islanders baseball team in Hawaii where he played one season. During the 17 years in Hawaii, he umpired baseball games and worked for UPS. In 1990 he moved to Fullerton, CA where he umpired baseball games and during the next 19 years drove a bus for Brea School District, transporting handicap children. The children and their parents loved Ron. His kindness & patience was appreciated. He took great pride in their care & safety. He moved to Walnut Creek in 2009. Ron is predeceased by his father Merle; mother, Lila and step father Joe Lovisone. He is survived by daughter, Laura; significant other of 26 years, Shirley Finch of Fullerton, CA; former spouse, Linda Evitt of North Carolina and half brother, Donald Lovisone of Walnut Creek.

Private memorial services to follow.

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