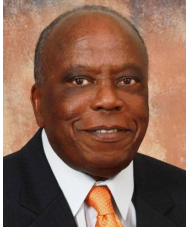

John Thomas Young(1949 - 2016)

February 9, 1949 - May 8, 2016 John Thomas Young was born in Los Angeles, California, the only child of the late Thelma (Donaldson) and Louis Young. John attended Ascension Catholic School, Mount Carmel High School and Chapman University. John "Duke" Young was a contributing member of the 1968 NCAA championship baseball team at Chapman and signed with the Detroit Tigers in 1969. As a player, scout and front office executive, he worked with many MLB organizations including the Detroit Tigers, Chicago Cubs, Texas Rangers, Florida Marlins and San Diego Padres. During his tenure as a scout, he signed 21 major league players including 3 major league all-stars. John earned a degree in secondary education from Auburn University Montgomery. His passion for education, children and baseball came together in 1989, when he founded Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI). RBI promotes the game of baseball to boys and girls in disadvantaged areas, particularly African-Americans, as a means of building skills, getting to college and playing professionally. Since its inception, RBI has expanded from 200 youth in Los Angeles to more than 230,000 youth annually in 243 cities worldwide. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sheryl and 3 children: Dorian (Itisha Hatter) Young, Jon Young, and Tori (Dario Rumbo) Young, in addition to a host of extended family, friends and colleagues. Services: Friday, May 13 from 3-8 PM at Holy Cross Mortuary Chapel, Culver City (viewing); Saturday, May 14th, 11 AM at St. Anastasia's, Los Angeles (funeral); Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City (interment); Algin Sutton Recreation Center, Los Angeles (reception). In lieu of flowers, please donate to the [American Diabetes Association](#) .

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