
David E. Anderson(1929 - 2017)

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March 24, 1929 - April 23, 2017

Resident of Walnut Creek

David Anderson (88) passed away of natural causes on April 23rd in Danville, CA. He was no doubt pleased that he spent his final Easter with his children and grandchildren. Family was everything to Dave!

Dave was born and raised in San Francisco. He was the youngest of three 1st generation American sons born to Swedish immigrant parents. He remained proud of his Swedish heritage throughout his entire life. After his father died when Dave was 13, he began to work many jobs, including caddying at local SF golf courses. It was then that his life-long love of golf began. Dave was a natural athlete. He attended Lincoln High School and excelled in baseball, basketball, and track.

After graduating from Lincoln, he attended UC Berkeley (class of 1951) where he majored in Business Administration. Dave spent 4 years as a starting pitcher for Cal's baseball team. He became their ace in his junior and senior year and was signed by the San Francisco Seals in 1950. While military duty interrupted his professional baseball career (Korean War, Navy, 1952-1953), he never gave up his love for the game (even played for the Navy team!). Dave remained an ardent Giant's fan throughout his life and loved taking his kids and grandkids to games.

Soon after graduating from Cal, Dave met the love of his life, Kathleen Rowe (1st generation American born to Irish immigrants). They were married in 1952 while he was in the Navy and a few years later after starting their family, they settled in Walnut Creek. They were the proud parents of five children. During this time, Dave was working for Rockwell Manufacturing Co. In 1962 he was promoted and transferred to Pittsburgh, PA where the family lived for 8 years. Dave was on the fast track at Rockwell, but found that corporate life wasn't allowing him enough time with his wife and children. So, he moved his family back to Walnut Creek and started his own company in 1971 (AA Tool & Machine Co.) and immersed himself in the raising of his five children. He and Kathleen were both incredibly proud and supportive parents. And happily, that pride and support extended to their children's kids as well. They were constant fixtures at their grandchildren's school and athletic events.

Dave and Kathleen had many close friends in the Bay Area and they enjoyed golfing, traveling, dinner parties and playing bridge. They were active members of St John Vianney Catholic Church. Dave was a regular at Boundary Oaks playing golf through his late 70's. He loved vacationing with family and friends, whistling, cracked crab, golfing and watching the Giants and Cal Bears. But with Dave, it was always family first. He demonstrated to his family that loving one's spouse and children unconditionally is one of life's greatest gifts and responsibilities. Dave and Kathleen taught their children and grandchildren what true love is, in the way they treated and respected each other.

Dave was preceded in death by his soulmate Kathleen in 2003, his parents, and his two brothers (Bob & Eric). He is survived by his children: Carol Raney (Tom), Kathy Sharpe, Janet Kaye (Andy), David, and Karrie Stegina (Rich). In addition, he leaves 10 grandchildren: Brian (Megan), Allie, Mark, Jenny, Katie, Emily, Justin, Trent, Samantha and Kimberly. Dave was buried in a private family service next to the love of his life, Kathleen. Donations may be made in his name to UC Regents-Cal Baseball and sent to: Cal Athletics Fund, 195 Haas Pavilion, Berkeley, CA 94720-4422

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