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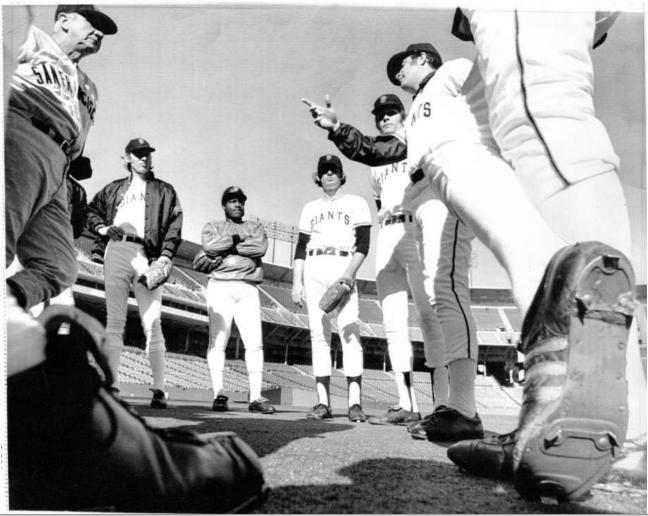


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Former Giants third baseman Jim Ray Hart (third from left), died Thursday, the team announced Friday. He was 74. UPI photo dated 1/22/1973

Former Giants third baseman Jim Ray Hart, a staple of San Francisco's infield in the 1960s and early 70s, died Thursday in Acampo (San Joaquin County). He was 74.

Mr. Hart played for the Giants from 1963-73, finishing second in Rookie of the Year balloting in 1964. He was an All-Star in 1966 and finished his Giants career with a .282 batting average, 526 RBIs and

157 home runs in 1,001 games.

"Everyone in the Giants organization is deeply saddened by the news of Jim's passing," team President Larry Baer said in a statement. "Our condolences go out to the Hart family for their tremendous loss and we extend our thoughts to Jim's teammates, his friends, and to all those touched by his passing."

Mr. Hart is survived by his former wife, Janet Hart-Ayala; four children, Justin, Ryan, Schineese and Heather; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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