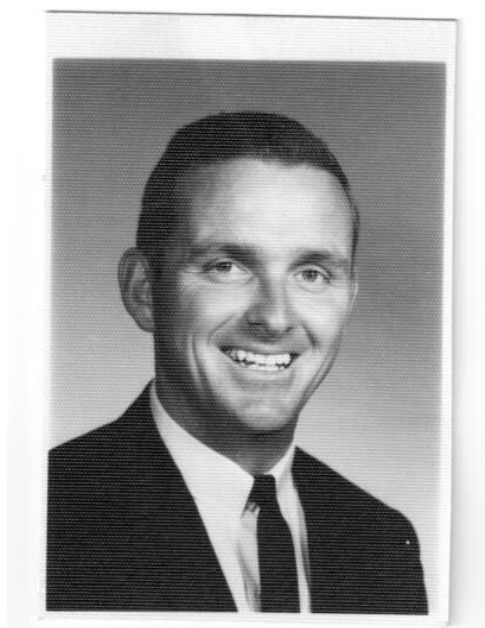




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Richard 'Dick' Colloton, of Burlingame, California, formerly of Mason City

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Colloton

BURLINGAME, Calif. | Following a brief illness, Richard Harold "Dick" Colloton, 83, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at Pacific Care Home in San Mateo, California.

Dick was born on July 8, 1932, in Mason City, Iowa to Harold and Miriam Colloton. He graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Mason City where he starred in both basketball and baseball. He was also a member of the Mason City American Junior Legion Team which won the Iowa State Championship in 1948.

His athletic prowess earned him a full scholarship at the University of Notre Dame where he played shortstop for the Irish during his four years of college. Upon graduation from Notre Dame, he entered the U.S. Army for a two-year tour of duty. He was stationed in Karlsruhe, Germany, where he played shortstop for the U.S. Army Team, the Karlsruhe Dozers. In 1954, he was voted by 56,000 fans as the second-most valuable baseball player in the U.S. Army's European Theatre.

Upon completion of his service commitment, he was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers to a professional baseball contract and advanced to Triple A ball in Pueblo, Colorado. After a few years of professional baseball, Dick earned a teaching certificate from the University of Iowa and went on to teach and coach high school baseball and basketball in California. Subsequent to this engagement, he was employed by American Airlines until his retirement in 1984.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; older brother, James (Pat, deceased); and sister Kathryn (Roger, deceased) Morse. He is survived by two brothers, John of Coralville, Iowa (Mary Ann, deceased) and Michael (Sandra) of Hudson, Wisconsin and multiple nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial service will be held in Mason City at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard H. Colloton Family Endowment generously funded by Dick during his lifetime to support needy students at Newman Catholic High School located at 2445 19th Street S.W., Mason City, IA 50401. Richard's remains will be interred with his parents in the Elmwood St. Joseph's Municipal Cemetery in Mason City.

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