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Ronald Leroy Mancasola of Redding, CA. died on Friday, July 21st at the age of 81.

He passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family, following a brief battle with cancer.

Ron was born in Weed, CA. on June 21st, 1936 to Al Mancasola and Carrie (Mancasola) Methvin.

Ron was a member of the first graduating class of Sequoia Middle School, at which time he served as batboy for the Redding Browns, the local minor league affiliate of the St. Louis Browns.

Ron graduated from Shasta High School in 1954, after which he attended Shasta College before enrolling in the University of San Francisco on a baseball scholarship. While at USF he became a walk-on member of the basketball team that held the longest winning streak in NCAA history going on to play against Wilt Chamberlain during a 1957 Final Four game. After college, he had a short stint playing professional baseball in the Minor Leagues. He was selected in the inaugural group of athletes for the Shasta College Hall of Fame for both baseball and basketball.

After returning to Redding, Ron continued his baseball career on the Redding Tigers, a semi-pro baseball team.

In the mid-1960s, Ron owned and operated Northern Beverage Distributing Company, a Redding-based beer, wine, and soda pop distributor.

In 1973 after his father, Al Mancasola, passed away, he and his brothers took over the family grocery business, which his father had owned in partnership with Leo Audia, the father of Ron's life-long friend, Joe Audia. Farmers Market, which eventually became Sentry Market, was a big part of the greater Redding area landscape and was once touted to be the largest grocery store chain north of Sacramento. At its peak, Sentry Market had 9 locations in California and Oregon. Ron actively worked in the Shasta Lake City store until he was diagnosed with cancer in April.

Ron enjoyed many activities including camping with his friends, fishing, golfing, baseball, basketball, and a love of food. However, what defined Ron was his unyielding and all-encompassing love for his family. He was devoted to his wife, his children and his grandchildren. His greatest pleasure was being surrounded by his family. Each of his grandchildren had a uniquely special relationship with their 'Papa' and their adoration of him was beyond measure. His wife and three children fiercely loved, honored and respected him. The joy and pride he felt for his family was surpassed only by the joy and pride his family felt for him.

Ron is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sue Mancasola, step-mother Rose Mancasola, brothers Allen (Cheryl) & John (Molly) Mancasola, sister Susanne (Al) Luis, his children, Kari (Scott) Anderson, Matt (Connie) Mancasola, Ronda(Dave) Paris, his grandchildren, Josh (Heather) Anderson, Megan Anderson, Cienna Paris, Mason Mancasola, Nico Paris and Lola Paris, by his Crowe sisters and brothers-in-law, and his many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The McConnell Foundation on Shasta View Drive on Saturday, August 5th at 6:30 P.M.

Please sign the guest book at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/redding/>

**Funeral Home****Allen & Dahl - Redding**

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