

Russell Goff McDonald

1935 - 2016

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Russell McDonald

Jan. 16, 1935 - Sept. 4, 2016

Rancho Murieta

Russell went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016. He was born Jan. 16, 1935, in Grafton, WV, to Murhl and Wilma McDonald. They soon moved to Bridgeport WV, where the family grew to include his brother, Jim. He was graduated from Bridgeport High School and Alderson Broaddus College, both in WV. He was a professional baseball pitcher for a short time. While he was in college he met his future wife, Kay. They had four children, Rusty, Jeff, Gary and Jill. He worked for Folger Coffee Co. and later for Procter and Gamble. He was the consummate salesman in all areas of his work and personal life. He loved baseball and enjoyed coaching at all levels wherever he and the family lived. They moved across the country as he was transferred to Cincinnati, Kansas City, and San Francisco. They lived in the Cupertino area until his retirement. At that time they moved to Rancho Murieta where he enjoyed playing golf with all his friends. He was a member of Capital Christian Center and just recently started attending Rancho Murieta Community Church. He loved God and was a member of two Bible study groups. He also loved his family, the SF Giants and 49ers, the Warriors, WVU sports, golf, gospel music and being on time. He was known for his impatience, so he was signed up by friends to teach an imaginary class in patience. He is survived by his wife, Kay, sons Rusty (Camille) of Pollock Pines; Jeff (Denise) of San Jose; Gary (Trish) of San Jose; and daughter, Jill Castillo of Tulare. He was very proud of his children and his thirteen grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Jim (Mary Lou) of Erie, PA and three nephews and their families. There will be a family funeral at the Rancho Murieta Community Church this week and a memorial celebration Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the Rancho Murieta Country Club. Donations can be made to the Union Gospel Mission in Sacramento, CA. or Meeting God in Baseball.

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