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Raymond Albert White

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No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. 1
Corinthian 2:9

A wonderful man, Raymond Albert White died peacefully on December 28 2017, after a brief illness.

Raymond White was born on March 28th, 1928 to Jean Marie Donovan and Charles Edward White in San Francisco, California. He was the youngest of four children. He had two brothers, Charles Edward (Charlie) and Robert James (Bob), and a sister, Genevieve Marie Blaettler.

Ray attended St. Mary's College in Moraga, California, as a student-athlete on a football scholarship playing in the 1946 Sugar Bowl his freshman year. A versatile athlete, he switched to a baseball scholarship and played catcher there for four years, graduating in 1950.

After graduation he signed with the San Francisco Seals playing semi professional baseball for two years and then began his Sales career with General Electric.

He married Joan Josephine Trombatore on June 25th, 1955. Ray and Joan were married 62 years. Ray and Joan have five children, Timothy Joseph (Tim), Mary Teresa Smith (Terry), Joanne Marie Becker (Jody), Elizabeth Marie Benigno (Liz) and John Joseph (John).

Ray's career at General Electric Company advanced quickly taking him from California to Colorado, to international sales in Milan, Italy and finally, to General Manager in Boston and Dallas. Ray had a successful 32-year career with General Electric and was a member of the Elfun Society. He later had several successful entrepreneurial ventures, including establishing a computer distribution company as CEO and President of Epson Southwest America, President-owner of Rawco Rental and was an investor in early stage software companies.

Ray intimately identified with the less fortunate. He was generous and compassionate and contributed to many organizations, including giving need-based scholarships at St. Mary's College, the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, California, local Catholic San Francisco high schools, as well as many other organizations. Ray was instrumental in establishing a Hospice home in Flagstaff, Arizona named in honor of his granddaughter, Olivia White.

Ray was always planning something. He and Joan retired in Guadalajara, Mexico enjoying many years of international life. When it was time to leave Mexico, they discovered Forest Highlands in Flagstaff, Arizona, which became their most treasured spot.

Family was most important to Ray, and he and Joan hosted wonderful family reunions. For more than 15 years, those reunions were held at the Dixie Dude Ranch in Bandera, Texas where family relationships were created. The grandchildren have close bonds with their cousins due to Ray's generosity and family focus.

Raymond White – A loving and faithful husband, lifetime golfer with 9 holes-in-one, father of five, grandfather of 17, great-grandfather of 4, and a great guy loved by many.