
Clayton Buzz Berriesford(1932 - 2016)

Clayton was born September 20, 1932 in Sacramento, CA and passed away January 19, 2016 at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento, CA at the age of 83. He was a lifelong resident of the greater Sacramento area, other than the two years spent with the United States Army during the Korean War. Clayton is survived by his three children, Ronald Berriesford, Joni Berriesford Anderson, and Nancy VanBuren, daughter-in-law LeAnn Berriesford and grandson Riley Berriesford, son-in-law, Chris Anderson, grandson Brandon Anderson, his wife Yessenia Anderson, his only great grandchild Alexander, granddaughter Stacie Anderson, grandson Mitchell VanBuren and his wife Stephanie VanBuren. He will miss the delivery of his second great grandchild who is due to arrive in April. Clayton was predeceased by his wife of 29 years Donna Lee and two brothers Bernard Berriesford and Bill Berriesford. While growing up in the McKinley Park area of Sacramento, "Buzz" played many years of baseball at Sacramento High School, Sacramento City College, and various leagues in the area where he pitched and won a number of championships. He later played professionally in the minor leagues. He was inducted into the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999. After baseball, with a growing family, he got a job with the United States Postal Service and delivered mail as a carrier in the Oak Park area. He rose through the ranks and ultimately retired as Postmaster of Rancho Cordova. One of his biggest accomplishments was helping to design the Rancho Cordova post office during a period of huge growth in the area. Upon retiring from the postal service, he lived by himself in Rancho Cordova. After suffering some health issues and a five way bypass, he decided he needed some exercise and put that exercise to good use in a community service capacity picking up trash in the neighborhoods around Zinfandel Drive, Mather, Data Drive and many apartments, businesses and vacant lots in the area. He cleaned graffiti from the neighborhood, reported maintenance problems, abandoned cars and trash filled lots to the City of Rancho Cordova. Through the years Buzz followed up on issues until they were resolved. He became a fixture in the community and a bit of a legend over the 4-5 volunteer hours he put in on most days each week. You could see him with his neon safety vest and his picker right up until a month before he passed away. He received recognition in many forms from a simple 'thank you' from residents and businesses in the area to a feature on ABC News 10's Hometown Heroes segment to an award of honor from the City of Rancho Cordova, the State Assembly and Congressman Bera's office. When asked why he did this without pay, he would respond "for the exercise and because I like to live in a clean neighborhood." A viewing for Clayton will be held Monday, January 25 from 4-8:00PM at East Lawn Mortuary (Sierra Hills Memorial Park), 5757 Greenback Lane, Sacramento, CA 95841. A funeral and celebration of his life will be held at the Chapel at East Lawn (Sierra Hills) on Tuesday, January 26 at 2:00PM.

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