



Clark Ransome

December 7, 1941 - November 24, 2016

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Former Resident of Blackhawk

Clark passed away peacefully on Thursday November 24th. He led a full and happy life, touching many people with his joy for life. Until the end, he kept his smile and enjoyed making those around him laugh. Born in Berkeley, Clark spent his early years in Los Gatos. He played football, basketball & baseball during his time at Las Lomas and Cal Berkeley. His love of sports continued into his career as a teacher/coach at Piedmont High School and as a volunteer coach for his daughters' teams. Clark spent the last 35 years of his career in the real estate field, working in Lamorinda, Blackhawk and Payson, Arizona. He enjoyed real estate because it gave him the opportunity to meet new people and share life stories. After retiring in 2014, Clark and his wife, Carol, moved to Tallahassee. Clark lived every day to the fullest, surrounding himself by the things that made him happy; his family & friends, his dog - Cami, golf, travel, watching sports, & playing with his grandchildren. Clark is survived by his wife Carol, daughters Carrie (Jason) & Stacie (Brad), grandchildren Mikayla, Nathan & Spencer, brothers John (Karen), Allen (Randy) & Dean (Linda) and numerous nieces and nephews. He is much loved & will be forever in our hearts. The family asks in lieu of flowers, memorials in Clark's memory be made to Big Bend Hospice. (www.bigbendhospice.org). A celebration of life gathering for Clark will be held on 12/26 at 1pm, in Walnut Creek, CA. Please email his daughters Stacie Bennett (stacieb72@yahoo.com) or Carrie Smith (carrie9008@yahoo.com) for specifics. Express condolences at lifesongfunerals.com.

Comments



“ I remember when Macey, my mom and I were in Arizona and Clark would take Macey on a golf cart ride. He drove around all crazy. Macey loved it. He would tell Macey don't tell your aunt Carol. Clark was always so fun and silly.

LINNAEA MICKELSON - January 02, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ thank you Linnaea, he loved kids and loved showing them new things in life. always enjoyed having you as guests, you were so much fun

carol - February 18, 2017 at 01:11 PM



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lois butterfield - December 26, 2016 at 08:25 AM



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Chris & Renee Oatis - December 25, 2016 at 06:54 PM



“ The memory we carry from Clark is his amazing, contagious smile! It was always so welcoming and truly genuine! Clark was such a good man with a huge heart--always there to help when someone was in need. Chris will miss his golf buddy and all their funny moments on the golf course. We will miss him SO much, but his spirit will be in our hearts forever! We love you Carol, and will always be there for you. Xxxooo

Chris & Renee Oatis - December 25, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ Just found this post, you guys are always the best, always there to give hugs, listen and cry on your shoulder. golf was always a biggie!. Love you back!

carol - February 18, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ carol and family, We are so sorry to hear about Clark's passing. We will never forget our times together. Pat and I will never forget all of Clark's great stories, I will always cherish the sports stories he shared with me. May god bless you and yours during this tough time. John and Pat Dow

john dow - December 22, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ Thanks for being the best neighbors and wonderful people. always knew you were there in time of need. He was a story teller and would laugh until we hurt!

carol - February 18, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ I met Clark Ransome in 1998 when we first decided to buy a lot and build a home in chapparal pines. Little did we know that by choosing the lot we did that we would end up with such great neighbors and friends. We shared so many wonderful meals together and so many fun times. I'm sorry the world has lost such a sweet and wonderful man. We miss him. My and sympathies go to carol and and his daughters who he loved so deeply.

Judy Rondeau - December 21, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ Many great times were had on our back patios, parties, meals and laughter, was such a perfect place with such wonderful people.

carol - February 18, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ Dear Carol, I am so sorry! We became good friends with Clark in 1991, when we moved to Blackhawk. His last message to me came with pictures of home where you live in Florida. Just today I found terrible news after my e-mails came back.

I always dreamed to live somewhere near of you when you relocated to Arizona. You lost your husband and I lost my good friend. Our condolences to you and to his brothers and daughters. Please, be in communications with us.

Clark was a real man, a great person

Itzhak Elkind, Ludmila and Gal
elkiinternational@gmail.com

Itzhak Elkind - March 09, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ Precious memories



carol ransime - December 20, 2016 at 07:48 PM



“ The Central Arizona Board of REALTORS in Payson, AZ, sends its sympathies to Clark's family. We remember his smile and love of life.

Central Arizona Board of REALTORS - December 19, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear about Clark's passing. We will always remember our Chaparral Pines neighbor walking Cami and zooming down to the course in his golf cart...always with a smile and an obvious love for life! Carol and family please take care...you are in our thoughts....
Ray and Karen Kimura

karen Kimura - December 13, 2016 at 07:55 PM



“ Ray and Karen,

Thank you for your kind words. He did love his dog and his golf.
Carol

carol ransome - December 14, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ Carol, our sincere condolences to you and the entire Ransome Family.
Noodles & Maddy Roth

Noodles & Maddy Roth - December 13, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ Thank you Noodles and Maddy

carol ransome - December 13, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ I was blessed to meet Clark when he and Carol were our next door neighbors in PAYSON, AZ. I recall a particular memory when Clark and Carol were at our house along with a small group of friends. Ken surprised me with a cruise to the Mediterranean and I was so shocked and in disbelief and obviously very happy that Clark's eyes welled up with delight. It was a wonderful example of the thoughtful man Clark was.

Carol may memories fill your heart. You are in our thoughts. Ken & Cathi

Cathi Helman - December 13, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ We shared so many great times together. Thank you for sharing your kind words. Carol

carol ransome - December 13, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ It seems like yesterday that we were young "marrieds" spending endless time together enjoying our growing families. When we heard of Clark's passing on Thanksgiving, I immediately recalled a Thanksgiving we spent together near Red Bluff. We actually had all the kids with us and had a picnic that day as it was so unseasonably warm. I'm going to try and find some of the photos.....

We are all grateful to have known such a special man and to have had him in our lives.

Rosie

ROSIE YANDELL - December 09, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ Rosie, I know that era of his life was so special to him. Good times with good friends. Carol
carol ransome - December 13, 2016 at 02:23 PM



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Kent Jordan - December 08, 2016 at 02:49 PM



“ Thank you Kent for sharing this picture of Clark
carol ransome - December 13, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of the coaches passing. he was always cheerful and positive. he always had something good to say to me no matter how bad I was doing on the field during PE. he was one of the teachers I liked and looked up too.

Paul McGuire class of 76

Paul McGuire - December 08, 2016 at 05:35 AM



“ Paul, he loved you guys! Carol
carol ransome - December 13, 2016 at 02:25 PM



“ Copy of my notification to the 76 Team. Our condolences to the family. Clark personally passed athletic techniques, humor, and support to each one of us. Doesn't surprise me that many a male eye got watery on this news.

Hey 76,

With heavy heart, I want to pass on the news of Coach Ransome's passing. According to the obituary, he passed on Thanksgiving day.

I don't have to tell you all what a great guy Clark was, nor what a great athlete he was in his own right. I think we would all agree that we were fortunate to have Clark as an educator, a coach and a friend.

Although Clark didn't attend this years reunion for now obvious reasons, It was great we got the opportunity to see him at the last 2. Man, as I think about him more, I can picture him and his voice so vividly.

I'm talking flash ball, slaughter ball, JV football as well as the 76 team. He was a big dude, and he always seemed to carry about 20 Keys and a whistle on his ring. He played good Tennis, Golf, basketball, and softball. Truly, a balanced athlete. I even recollect him doing spec homes, of which we painted some for him. BTW I do have point out, Ransome was the 'Big Boy' of Los Lomas in his day. He is and remains legendary in Contra Costa. He was supposed to play at Cal, but I think he got injured. Somebody?

Clarke was very proud of being part of the 76 team. He was always delighted to reminisce about that season, the team and all the anecdotes that went along with it all. Of course, his favorite story was Mitchell and the "Hell Yes!" He loved telling it, often multiple times over an hour, and guess what,...we all loved hearing it. Over and Over again. Sadly, we won't be hearing it from his lips again.

But on behalf of us 76ers, let me pose this question to Clark as we reflect a bit on the life of our friend and mentor.

Hey Ransome...did you give it 110 per cent?

Right back at ya Mitch from the Pearly Gates....."

HELLL YESSS!!!!!!!!!"

Rest Peacefully Coach!

#54 Ken Chan

Ken Chan - December 06, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ Always 110% even when we played golf tournaments together !We were al fortunate to have him in our lives. Thank you Ken.

Carol

carol ransome - December 13, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ Carol, Stacie and Carrie,
I am saddened to hear the news of Coach's passing. I was thinking of him not long ago. I played for him for 3 years at Piedmont High. My Jr. Season, after a crushing defeat, he named myself and another player permanent Co-Captains for the season. Something not common in those days as choosing a different set of captains weekly was a way to spread around the lessons of leadership. It was, to me, both a huge honor, and now, as an adult who has coached for over 40 years, a great lesson. Coach Ransome also taught me other lessons of coaching that I carry with me today. Most importantly, how to inject humor and fun into a tough and often intense learning experience.

I'm grateful for the internet and Facebook as otherwise, I'm sure I wouldn't have had a chance to let you know how important his life was to so many people. Know that while he touched the lives of many. We the many have in turned passed along a little of him to many many more.

Best,

John Cullom

P.S. I would be interested in attending a service in the NorCal area if I'm in the country.

John Cullom - December 05, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ John,

Clark totally loved coaching as did he love the real estate business. Both of them came easy to him because he loved people and always found the good in them. Thank you for sharing you thoughts and memories.

His Memorial Service will be held at Scotts Seafood Restaurant in Walnut Creek , 12/26/16, 1-4 pm. You are welcome to come. please notify Carrie Smith at carrie9008@yahoo.com

carol ransome - December 14, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ Carol, Stacie and Carrie, I'm shocked and sad to hear about Clark. For over 40 years he has been a special friend to me, almost like a Brother. My prayers and thoughts go out to all of you for your loss. Couldn't sleep last night thinking of him and all the wonderful times we had together. If there is a service please let me know.
Hope all is well with you,
Dennis Simkin

Dennis Simkin - December 05, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ Dennis, Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and words. Please email me so I can send you the information about my father's services as I don't have your information.
Stacie stacieb72@yahoo.com

Stacie - December 05, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ The are a lot of guys from Piedmont High who will fondly remember Clark. Of course "the boys" always used the term of endearment "Ransome. He was a fun loving guy that every one loved, easy going, down to earth, with the ability to put up with the nonsense of a lot adolescent boys. He was genuine nice guy, I was touched by his kindness and that was 45 years ago. You have to feel good about the life he lived. May his life be a blessing for all who knew him,

gary zimmerman - December 05, 2016 at 04:06 PM



“ Thank you Dennis for being such a great friend to Clark. I know often he spoke so highly of you as friend and colleague.
Carol

carol ransome - December 05, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ Gary,

Thank you for sharing those special words about Clark. His goodness and kindness always remained in his life, he was a great person.

Carol

carol ransome - December 14, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ Thank you so much for those sharing a Memory. We don't have everyone's contact information. I you would like to attend a celebration of life for Clark on 12/26 in Walnut Creek please email his daughter's Stacie Bennett stacieb72@yahoo.com or Carrie Smith carrie9008@yahoo.com

Stacie Bennett - December 05, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ From Sigma Phi fraternity brothers:

Hey Bill and Brothers,

I remember going to Clark's wedding. I think it was in Berkeley, or close by. Free booze and the brothers would ALWAYS show. Large contingent there. I also remember he was the hardest house President to tub...like, ever. Roy was no walk in the park either but didn't have the bulk Clark carried. I also remember on one memorable Thursday night, Clark and a few other brothers restored some of the SAE's room to its rightful owners. Many singular and worthy souls passed through the halls of the Alpha. Never forget. BSL, Bill

Okay, I've got several memory stories of Clark. The most famous was returning from a wandering birds mission up in Tilden Park one night, the Alameda from Kensington to North campus was under construction. The City of Berkeley in those days use red painted, kerosene lanterns as caution light on sawhorses. With "CD" at the wheel and the starting Cal football tight end (Clark) running alongside my father's car, we two returned about 18 red painted lanterns to their rightful owner. When I returned the relatively new car with an immaculate and carpeted trunk to my father later, despite our best efforts at scrubbing the kerosene out of the carpet and trunk, it stunk. That was the last time my father ever loaned Clint his car!

I once challenged Clark to a wrestling match in the living room of the House. After eleven seconds, I discovered that football players are better wrestlers than rowers...

My fondest memory of Clark was that he was always a gentleman who cared about others.

Clark left us too soon. Jay Jacobus, Clint Day, and Bill Heal.

Bill Heal, Jay Jacobus - December 05, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and words. Please email me so I can send you the information about my father's services as I don't have your information.

Stacie stacieb72@yahoo.com

Stacie - December 05, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ Bill Pfann needs the info (he's sending to Sigs) = WPfann@aol.com. Clint Day.

Clint Day - December 07, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ Carol, I am writing on behalf of the class on 1976 Piedmont High football team. I learned of Clark's passing last night by one of our teammates Ken Chan. Clark effected so many of our lives in a positive way...not only on the field but off the field as well. Clark's outgoing personality coupled with his smile and gentle but effective encouragement helped propel a group of mediocre athletes on to glory in our high school days with a league championship.

It was Clark that helped instill some of our first lessons of entrepreneurship for many of us. I remember he hired some of my classmates to help paint his rental units (I already had a job). I remember thinking to myself....wait a second...he is our teacher, our coach,...and he has a side job? I followed in Clark's entrepreneurial footsteps and we always enjoyed talking to each other about our different endeavors when we would visit at various reunions. I also vividly remember him telling me how proud he was of his family at the last reunion he attended at teammate Matt Taylors house!!

So on behalf of the "76's" I want to extend our sincere gratitude and condolences at the same time, to you and your family. We will be forever grateful, as Clark spent a good deal of his family time with us knuckleheads, shaping our lives on and off the field. Clark's looming presence,...with clipboard in hand, on those wonderful Friday nights will be etched in many of our minds forever.

With Love from the 76's....

Pete Craig

Peter Craig - December 05, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and words. Please email me so I can send you the information about my father's services as I don't have your information.

Stacie stacieb72@yahoo.com

Stacie - December 05, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ To the 76's. Clark loved you guys so much, always bragging about you to his friends about the great bunch of guys he coached and what great young men they turned out to be in life in so many ways.He will always be "Coach " to all of you.

Thank you for your kind words and great respect you had for him.

carol ransome - December 05, 2016 at 07:46 PM



“ Carol...please send me your phone no. (to clint.day@comcast.net). I was Clark's roommate at Cal now living in FL (and will miss the memorial unfortunately). Thanks.

Clint Day - December 07, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ Carol. I'm so very sorry to hear about Clark. He was a wonderful, fun person and so very good to me. I admired him! My thoughts, prayers and love to you and your families. Thinking of you, Carol. Pat Smith.

pat smith - December 04, 2016 at 07:31 PM



“ Pat, I especially thank you for being in Clark's life during his real estate career in Blackhawk. He loved and trusted you and felt so confident you would do so well in the business he loved. Carol

carol ransome - December 05, 2016 at 07:56 PM



“ Carol, We are all so sorry to lose Clark. He was a bright light who sparkled up every room. Donna and I live between Atlanta and Sarasota, and I will always regret we did not get together with Clark en route between. He was a great roommate; never washed his underwear, but put on new pairs instead. We were all proud he started (as a tight end) on the Cal football team. Please accept our condolences, Clint and Donna Day.

Clint (and Donna) Day - December 04, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ Thoughts & prayers to you & your family. So sorry for your loss, Clark was a good friend & golfing partner. I have fond memories of both of you. Will & Carolyn Lynn

Will Lynn - December 04, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ "Grief, I've learned is really just love. It's all the love you want to give but cannot. All of that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go. "

I miss you Dad. I wish I could give you a big hug.

Carrie - December 02, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ Carrie and Stacie, so sad to hear about your Dad. He and Hobie (Dick) were great friends at Las Lomas . My heart goes out to you all. Fondly, Jeanne Dodge

Jeanne Dodge - December 05, 2016 at 12:28 PM



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carrie - December 02, 2016 at 11:04 AM



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Stacie Bennett - December 05, 2016 at 03:41 PM



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Carrie - December 02, 2016 at 11:00 AM