



Alfred Johnnie Reynaud

April 4, 1929 - December 24, 2020

Alfred Johnnie Reynaud (fondly known as Al) of Richmond, California, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at the age of 91.

Al was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, on April 29, 1929 – son to the late Doris Drew and Joseph Reynaud. As a child, he sang in the church choir and on the radio, recorded music, and tapped danced. When his family moved to California, at age 16, he attended Berkeley High while taking classes at UC Berkeley. At Cal, Al joined a fraternity and was nicknamed, “The King of Swat,” because he hit hard with the paddle. After his freshman year, he transferred to Dillard University in New Orleans where he played football and obtained his bachelor’s degree in Arts & Sciences at age 20. Al was drafted in the US Army during the Korean War, but was asked to play football for the Army as a quarterback instead of being deployed. In between football games, Al worked at the Army medical laboratory doing lab testing. After his term in the US Army, he worked for Berkeley Department of Health and later worked at UCSF Cancer Research Institute and taught cytology. He invented the flow cytometry and authored a paper that was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Al was an experienced cytotechnologist and his expertise was sought after by many doctors, especially for second opinions when evaluating and reviewing smears for the detection of cancer and infectious diseases.

In between his departure from the Cancer Research Institute and opening Medical Specialty Laboratory, Al operated a small airline business called

Arabesco. He had 10 small planes delivering goods and products similar to a FedEx service.

Al taught himself how to play golf at age 28 and became a scratch golfer. He went on to win over 65 amateur tournaments for different charities. In golfing circles, Al was affectionately referred to by his peers as “Baby Bear.”

Al was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, America’s oldest professional business fraternity, and a member of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) as a licensed cytotechnologist and medical scientist. He was also a member of the Northern California Golf Association, Walnut Creek Golf Course Men’s Group, Chevron and AT&T Golf Associations. Al’s career as a cytotechnologist and owner and manager of two Medical Specialty laboratory facilities spanned over 60 years. His life and career were based on his integrity, honesty, and respect for others. He will be remembered as a kind, caring, loving, gentle, calm, and collected man.

Al was preceded in death by his son, Alfred J. Reynaud, Jr. He is survived by his loving and caring wife of 37 years, Judith Reynaud. They were inseparable and shared a love for golf. He is also survived by his accomplished sons, Louis Sidney Reynaud, Edmond Drew Reynaud and Daniel Dessi Reynaud; daughters-in-law, Dr. Danica Harbaugh Reynaud and Terrie Reynaud; grandchildren, Amanda Reynaud, Lauren Reynaud, Julian Reynaud, Taylor Reynaud, and Indigo Reynaud; sisters-in-law, Cora Castro, Pat Alorro, Grace Andrada, Mary Ann Wheeler, Christine Averilla and Geraldine Ruth Nueva; brothers-in-law, Alfredo Nueva, Eugene Nueva, Jim Paredes, Mel Wheeler, Angelito Andrada, and many nephews and nieces.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
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Viewing

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
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Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
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Interment

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (PT)

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred Johnnie Reynaud.*



January 16, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Alfred Johnnie Reynaud.*



January 14, 2021 at 04:33 PM