



# Malcolm Gordon Dutch

May 7, 1956 - February 5, 2021

Malcolm Gordon Dutch 5/7/1956 - 2/5/2021

Our beloved Malcolm left earth and was called home by our Lord to Heaven on the 5th of February. He leaves behind his wonderful wife Sandy, and three children: Amelia, Trevor, and Gabriel. He also leaves behind his sisters Brenda, and Andrea, and a large extended family. Malcolm was born in Auckland, New Zealand to Donald Gordon Hewitt Dutch and Alma Georgina Priest Dutch. Malcolm came to the USA in May of 1976. He first settled in the Bay Area where he met Sandy in 1984. They married in 1989 and moved their family to Visalia in 1994. Malcolm was a skilled craftsman builder and was always passionate about building quality homes. This passion for building continued when he opened his GJ Gardner franchise, the first in the country, in 2004. Malcolm had a loving heart, bigger than life personality and exuded kindness to all he met. Malcolm always went out of his way to help those in need, no matter their circumstances. Malcolm was constantly involved in his children's sport and extra-curricular activities. As well as being a family man, he served on the board of Habitat for Humanity, served on the finance committee for Visalia United Methodist Church, and was involved in the Breakfast Lions Club. We will miss Malcolm every day, but he will live on in our hearts forever.

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DI

“ I knew Malcolm through his service as a volunteer and board member of Habitat for Humanity. He was a hard-working man who was often the last person to arrive at the board meetings after putting in another long day as owner of GJ Gardner Homes in Visalia. Yet, he showed up prepared to contribute insightful questions and practical suggestions. He was always ready to literally roll up his sleeves and make a difference to our organization and the families we serve. He was committed to Habitat’s mission of a “hand up” to those needing a decent place to live.

*I am still trying to wrap my mind around the fact that Malcolm will not be at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. While we celebrate everything Malcolm was to each of us, I will miss his infectious laugh and distinctive New Zealand accent. Most of all, I will miss his friendship.*

*Dirk Holkeboer for all of us at Habitat for Humanity of Tulare/Kings Counties*

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**Dirk** - March 24, 2021 at 08:01 PM

DB

“ Sandy, I am sorry to hear of Malcolm’s passing. You were a loving energetic, happy couple. It was always a pleasure running into you at an event, out and about, or in the neighborhood,

*I hope the many beautiful and happy memories will give you strength. Blessings to you and your family. Delora Buckman*

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**Delora Buckman** - March 19, 2021 at 03:24 AM

RD

“ Malcolm and I were huge competitive squash players. We played almost weekly for many years-he taught me a few tricks and I hope I taught him some. When I started beating him he stopped teaching me...hmm wonder why? We had great matches playing at the Visalia Racket Club and I think we were both instrumental in boosting the love of the game to others. My family loved being invited to the Dutch's for 4th of July as we would sneak out and watch the free show of fireworks that the country club hosted yearly. I enjoyed being called his "mate" and will remember this "bloke" forever. My condolences to the Dutch family- your husband Sally was a gentleman of note.

*Famba Zvakanaka Shamwari Sara Mushe. Go well and good-bye my friend...in Shona Zimbabwe.*

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**Richard Donkin** - March 09, 2021 at 04:22 PM

CB

“ I am so sad to hear of Malcolm’s passing. He was much too young. I think of Malcolm at Camp Mather playing with Amelia and Trevor! The third was soon to be arriving. He had a larger than life gentle giant personality and a friend to everyone. Hugs from Carole and Jeff Brown

Carole Brown - March 08, 2021 at 12:28 PM

GJ

“ So sorry to hear that Malcom passed he was a great person had the pleasure to Play sports with the kids then the pleasure to be able to work for him in construction he's just a class act our prayers go out to the family friends 🙏🙏🙏🙏 from One Stop Cleaning ,Greg Corinne

Greg & Corinne Jackson - March 07, 2021 at 01:44 PM

IS

“ Sandy, Amelia, Trevor, Gabriel, Brenda and Andrea,

*I am so sorry to hear about Mal. It was so sad to learn of his passing. Mal was my friend for a long time. We knew each other in primary school, played rugby together, hung out in high school, then partied like rockstars in our teens and early twenties, in fact we were reciprocal wing men around the nightlife in Auckland. So many memories in Mt Roskill, Auckland, and of course the Bay Area. He was my best man when I got married, we ate bbq ribs and did shots of tequila in the vestry while waiting.....Mal was my mate. He was a great guy, funny guy, always up for a laugh. Great woodworker too. He started that early, converting his parents basement.*

*My deepest condolences to you guys, I know how much he'll be missed.*

*Manuia lau Malaga uso, ( blessed travels brother).*

*Regards, Ian Stowers.*



Ian Stowers - March 05, 2021 at 11:21 PM

SD

*Thank you Ian. It's been very hard, it was so unexpected. The kids are propping me up, it's one day at a time. Love to you Deb and the kids, really adults! Thanks for the photo, he was sooooo handsome ❤️😁*

Sandy Dutch - March 06, 2021 at 04:48 PM

MW

“ *Manuia lau malaga Mal.  
(Good your journey Mal)  
Farewell,untill we meet again my brother from another mother.  
My condolences to your family whom will no doupt miss your light here.  
Thanks for your friendship,and the memories.  
Rest easy,now your spirit is home.* 🕊️❤️

Michael Wulf - March 03, 2021 at 05:10 PM

GM

*From New Zealand to America Malcolm you were always a solid friend. Someone who looked out for us and we shared many I great time in Redwood City. I was saddened to hear of your passing. My sincere condolences to Sandy and your fine family. Your energy was incredible. Your welcoming nature when I first arrived in America was comforting. Your mate. Guy Millar*

Guy Millar - March 04, 2021 at 03:13 AM

TC

*My condolences to the family  
Rest In Peace matte  
Tony Camara*

Tony Camara - March 05, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BY

*Our deepest condolences to Sandy, her children and the entire Dutch family. Malcolm was a kind, sweet man and will be missed by many.  
Love from the Yuki Family  
Herb, Barb, Monica, Tim, Nick, Liz, and their little ones Ripley & Rome*

Barbara Yuki - March 05, 2021 at 07:55 PM

SD

*Thank you all for your words and thoughts. It bring me some comfort to see others loved and cared for my Dear Malcolm❤️ He's soooo missed and can't be replaced. He's my soulmate 4 ever❤️❤️🤔And now my guardian Angel🙏🙏❤️*

Sandy Dutch - March 06, 2021 at 04:51 PM