



Albert Raymond

June 15, 1931 - November 8, 2016

Albert “Babe” Raymond passed away suddenly Tuesday afternoon at the age of 85. Babe was born on June 15, 1931 in Bell, CA to Albert C. Raymond and Martha Spitzer Raymond. In the 1940’s the Raymond family moved first to Sanger, then to Woodlake, CA to farm. After proudly serving his country in the Korean War, Babe continued to work on the Raymond Brothers Ranch until it sold in 1973. Babe was an active member in the Woodlake Lions Club, cooking his famous beans at the Woodlake Rodeo each year. Never able to sit idle, Babe loved camping and hunting whenever he had the chance. In his final years before retirement, he worked for Leonard Whitney at Nickels Payless in Visalia repairing their various vehicles and machinery. One of the handiest men around, Babe could fix anything from a pocket watch to a diesel engine, although he would balk at the idea of following the “proper” route. What his family and friends admired most about him was his fearless attitude. Just last week, Babe was spotted on his roof making repairs and in his orange trees pruning away. Always selfless, Babe would be over at the drop of a hat to help a family member, friend or neighbor, as long as his two dogs Dukie and Missy could tag along. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Sewell Raymond, sister Jeanette Gruber, his brothers Leonard and Gary, and his parents. Babe is survived by his brother Louis and his wife Carol who reside in Vancouver, WA, his daughters Karen Souza (Ronnie) of Visalia, and Jeri Shear (Steve) of Colorado Springs, Doyle and Elaine Sewell, and his grandchildren Cole and Todd Souza, Kristen Sanchez, Aaron Shear, Meagan

McManus, Courtney and Casey Sewell, as well as five great-grandchildren. Babe also had close bonds with his many nieces and nephews. His memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Memorial

NOV 12. 3:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Albert Raymond*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 12, 2016 at 05:01 PM

GW

“ *My condolences to Karen, Jeri and the entire family for the loss of such a special father, grandfather, bother and uncle. Babe was one of the most unique people I've ever been able to call friend, He was a hard working, caring person who would help anyone at any time. He was also the biggest prankster I ever met, and I never left him without laughing. He leaves me and everyone who knew him with countless happy memories in their hearts. I'll miss you old friend,*

Greg Whitney - November 12, 2016 at 01:02 PM

DC

*Babe was one of my best friends for many years. When we moved to Woodlake in 1972 he took us in & was a true friend ever since,.. I will always remember our fun times together, camping, laughing & sharing our cheap trailer. (by the way he & Dave Paul never paid me for it...Ha Ha). We will miss you my friend forever & God rest your soul.
Dale Cory*

Dale Cory - November 12, 2016 at 09:47 PM

SH

I send my sincere sympathy to Doyle and Elaine and Karen and Ronnie - You are all "good" people so Al had to have been also. Thinking of all of you at this time. Sue Holt

Sue Holt - November 13, 2016 at 08:53 AM

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“ *MY SWEET, LOVING, CARING, BEAUTIFUL, BROTHER IN LAW. I'LL MISS YOU DEARLY. GIVE GARY A BIG HUG FOR ME, AND TELL HIM I LOVE HIM AND MISS HIM SO MUCH.. AND ALWAYS WILL MISS YOU AND HIM... HAPPY DEER HUNTING.YOUR LOVING SISTER IN LAW... XOXOXOXOXOX*



DONNA (DUSTY) - November 11, 2016 at 07:41 PM

DP

“ *My condolences to you Jeri, Karen and your family. A good man. A good guy. A great friend. I notified my son Alex who said "Uncle Babe" was a solid man. Am sure all would agree. Thank you Babe for the good memories. Rest in peace my friend.*

Dave Paul

Dave Paul - November 11, 2016 at 03:48 PM

BB

*“ I had the pleasure of working with Babe for 10 years at the Race street warehouse. He was a really great guy. he bought my Yamaha Motorcycle, but I never saw him ride it. RIP good buddy.
Bob Bommersbach*



Bob Bommersbach - November 11, 2016 at 01:23 PM

CC

“ Babe, what a wonderful person you always were. Loved you much dear brother-in-law and missed you very much all these years. Thought of you many many times over the years and always with happy and good memories. Prayers and thoughts to you. Prayers and thoughts to Jeri and Karen and families. Carol Clevenger

Carol Clevenger - November 11, 2016 at 12:53 PM

 PJ
Lindsey

“ Had the pleasure and honor to meet and work with Babe at Whitco Foods. Babe was always an upbeat positive guy, with the some great stories and jokes. I always enjoyed time spent out and about the shop talking with Babe. You'll be missed my friend!

PJ Lindsey - November 11, 2016 at 12:44 PM

SN

“Babe, you were a very important part of my life. What a great friend. We shared many memories and spent a great amount of time together. You could do anything(almost), but I had to do your grocery shopping for you and help you because you couldn't even cook toast! You were a great friend to many and would do anything for any of your friends. As recent as last Friday, you came and helped me at the store, and we got to spend a couple of hours together. I am so thankful of those few hours. In recent years, we would never end a conversation without ,I love you, exchanged. Thank you for being a part of my life. I love you Babe, Skip

Skip Nugent - November 11, 2016 at 08:55 AM