

George L. Souza
1934-2018



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George L. Souza, Educator, Dad, Husband, Friend, passed away with family by his side in his home, Wednesday, November 28th, 2018.

George was born in Marysville, CA, on June 22, 1934, to Louis and Carrie Souza. He attended Notre Dame Elementary and Marysville High School. While in high school, George was an Eagle Scout raising seeing eye dogs for his community project. He was also an outstanding athlete, earning All League in Football for MHS.

He received a full ride football scholarship to Santa Clara, but a year later the program was discontinued. He enrolled at Yuba College and played football his first semester.

His team was named First League All Conference 1953 when Yuba College defeated San Bernardino College in the Orange Show Bowl. After that win, he received another full ride scholarship to UC Berkeley and played in the 1954-1955 seasons for the legendary Pappy Waldorf.

He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Winged Helmet Honor Society, and the Big C Society. He received his BA in History and began his educational career as an 8th grade history teacher while pursuing a MA from CSU Chico in Educational Administration.

George moved on to YCHS. There he was a Drivers Ed instructor and a coach for multiple sports, culminating as Principal. During his tenure at YCHS he was instrumental in organizing Awareness House, in one of the old Victorians on B Street. This home was established to aid students suffering from substance issues.

He contributed greatly to the success of Yuba College Students. He served as an assistant coach at Yuba College when their football teams won 3 consecutive Sierra Football League Championships. George also served 2 years as the Defensive Coach for the unforgettable Frank "Bud" Van Deren. Dad was the voice of "49er Football" for 6 years. Making memorable memories with his sons and son in law! He was entered into the Yuba College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.

He was the Dean of Student Services at Yuba College for 17 years. While there, he developed a cadre of counseling faculty within the Counseling Department. George strengthened student services such as financial aid, admission and records, and other burgeoning categorical programs. Throughout his career, students came first.

After retirement George continued his love of golf at his beloved Peach Tree Country Club, spending many hours of enjoyment there with friends for more than 55 years. He also loved going to watch his Cal Bears.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sharon; daughters, Stephanie and Michele; son, Michael; and his sister, Priscilla; grandchildren, Sydney, Taylor, Tanner, and Grady. He was preceded in death by his son, Mark.