



Richard Myers

April 7, 1930 - June 24, 2011

Richard (“Richie”) Myers passed away June 24th at age 81, after a short hospitalization the result of a fall. Richard was born and spent most of his life in the Sacramento area. He and his wife Loretta moved to Yreka in 2006. Loretta preceded him in death in 2007.

As a young man, Richie had an interesting 9 year career in baseball. He graduated from Elk Grove High School where as a star pitcher; his jersey number was permanently retired. Richie went on to play professional baseball, mostly for the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League. He was converted from being a pitcher to shortstop in 1948 and in 1954 batted .303 with 6 homeruns. In 1956 he was sold to the Chicago Cubs, but Hall of Famer Ernie Banks didn’t want to give up his position at shortstop. After a short time in Chicago, Richie finished up with the Los Angeles Angels earning a league championship ring. His career numbers after 9 years in professional baseball were an impressive .261 batting average with 45 homeruns in 937 games. His fielding percentage at shortstop was .964! After baseball, Richie went on to retire from the City of Sacramento in a supervisory position.

Richie loved his family and friends, hunting, fishing and golf. He had a 6 handicap at age 72. More than for his athletic prowess, Richie will always be remembered for his ready smile, his agreeable disposition and his readiness to help everyone.

Richie is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marla & Wes Anderson of Mt. Shasta and his grandson Bryan Anderson of Watsonville. His son Gerry

Myers preceded him in death in 1985. Contributions in his name can be made to Madrone Hospice in Yreka. A celebration of life will be held at a future date in Sacramento.