

Richard Acres Obituary

Richard "Dick" Acres
May 1934-June 2012



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Dick went to see Jesus on June 14, 2012. He was a fun loving, compassionate, kind, and very special, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Sandi, 3 sons, Jeff, Mark (Veronique), Matt (Andrea) and grandchildren, Pauline, Karl, Laine, Isobel, Milo and Lili. Dick was born in Santa Barbara May 17, 1934 to Frank and Lillian Acres. He graduated from UCSB with a BA in education and later received his master's from LA State. He played varsity basketball for UCSB and played semi-professional basketball for Kirby Shoes. He started teaching at Mark Twain and then went to Carson High School where he taught and coached basketball for 25 years. He won the 1st California State Championship in Oakland in 1982. He joined Oral Roberts University in September 1982 and became the head coach for 3 amazing years, coaching his 2 older sons, Jeff and Mark. They won the Mid-Western City Conference Title and also went to the NCAA tournament. Besides coaching Dick was a referee for basketball, football, and baseball at the high school level. For a time he also refereed college basketball. He even got to Officiate Pop Warner Football with his youngest son, Matt. For 25 years one of Dick's passions was being involved in the Financial Services Profession. He helped many people with their financial goals. Dick had a green thumb and loved plants and gardening and his yard showed it. He also loved to travel all over the world.