



Al Reese

Al Reese was a Superstar in the Santa Barbara community. For over 40 years, he graced many local venues and events, swooning his live music to thousands of friends, colleague's and fans. He traveled the world performing throughout Europe and Asia. He played for local celebrities Rob Lowe and Oprah. He was also a mainstay for the annual Fiesta Spanish Days.

His daughter, Rachelle Chillous, remembered her dad as a die-hard Lakers fan; he played basketball at the YMCA and also boxed and jogged. He never smoked, drank or did drugs. Al was a familiar face as both a guest and singing the National Anthem at Santa Barbara Islander (Los Angeles Lakers minor league team) basketball games in 1990 and the Santa Barbara Breakers basketball games in the mid 2000's. He also entertained audiences at the Fess Parker Hotel for our Santa Barbara Basketball Court of Champions Ceremonies.

We are very proud and honored to welcome Mr. Al Reese into the SBB Court of Champions, appreciating the many wonderful hours he entertained the City patrons of Santa Barbara. He will never be forgotten for his soft, gentle voice, his mastering of the piano keys and his personal intimacy and interactions with his listeners.

Al died on January 4, 2021 of COVID-19 related complications. He was 82 years of age.