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Adrian Eugene “Van” Vander Wyst was born on January 15, 1925 and passed from this life October 19, 2016. He grew up in a small town in Minnesota until he was 17 years old when his dad moved to Chula Vista Ca. Van soon followed with his mother Nita and his little brother Larry. Shortly after moving out west Vans father (also named Adrian) died of Tuberculosis in 1944 from previous work in the mines back home. Van became the sole provider for the family and did a wonderful job taking care of his mom and brother. Van lost his little brother Larry in a car accident in 1984 that devastated him and was a guilt that he carried until the end. That left him and his mom and he doted on her and cared for her until her passing in 2000. Van died the way he lived. Peacefully. He was a kind and gentle spirit who never had a bad word to say and had a great sense of humor. He was the last of his breed. A good and decent man who’s pride and joy in his life was his one and only daughter Susan. Other jewels in his crown were his 3 grandchildren Patrick, Daniel and Kelsey. He loved them more than life itself. He also has 2 great grandchildren Kylee Grace and Oakland Cash. Kylee was his little Sweetheart and Oakland “his little man”. Van will be missed but will forever live in our hearts. Every time I see my wife Susan and her compassion towards another, her empathy to someone who’s hurting and her telling dorky jokes, I will forever be reminded that Van lives in her heart. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to one of two great causes in Vans name: www.fallenheroesfund.org www.alz.org



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WA

Wanda Arnold posted:

For 30 years you were such a good friend to me and my grand daughter Stefani and we will truly miss you. Thank you for being my treasured friend. Wanda Arnold

October 30 at 2:29 PM

KT

Kathleen Triplett posted:

Van, Thanks for your many years of friendship. Rest in Peace. You will always be remembered.
Kathleen Triplett

October 29 at 7:58 AM

DS

D'ann Spinks posted:

My heart breaks for you, Susan, and for your family. I posted this on FB but I want you to have these memories in this space. This what I will always remember about Uncle Van. He was kind and patient. He loved his Dr Pepper and peanuts and paperbacks. Fishing was his second love in life, after you. He was committed to recording our childhoods on video. I never heard him raise his voice in anger. He was the only adult in my life that whole heartedly supported my reading habit. He thought a yellow meated watermelon was better than a bar of gold. And he would set off fireworks until every kid in the yard fell asleep. We celebrate his life as well lived and I shall miss him!! Love you, DeeDee

October 24 at 12:39 PM

KR

Kelsey Ray posted:

I've always known Poppa Van to be the strongest person. He was so knowledgeable about life itself. He was an amazing judge of character and I always wanted to get his opinion on new people in my life. I remember one time I got so upset because my brothers both got to spend a week with him and I hadn't gotten that chance. So I threw a fit until my parents let me go. Let me tell you, it was the most amazing week and I will always cherish those memories. He tried so hard to make my time with him memorable. And he succeeded. He was such a kind and loving person and I will always remember the times I was lucky enough to share with him. I know now, that he's smiling down on us and he's home with his mom who he loved so dearly. I love you Poppa. You are in my thoughts and in my heart.

October 24 at 12:08 PM



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Gene posted:

Van has been my father in law for almost 30 years. In those years I have grown to love him and have taken away the "in law". He's a 2nd dad to me. He has shown me that a man needs to be kind, gentle, sensitive and intelligent among many other qualities. He never had a bad thing to say about anyone and had a unique appreciation for the world around him. He loved to travel and video taped most of his trips. He never shied away from an adventure. His knowledge of the world around him gave him a sense of child like curiosity. He will be missed and I will forever hear his greeting to me whenever he saw me. "Well hello young fella". I love you dad. Your new adventure has just begun

October 24 at 2:02 AM



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