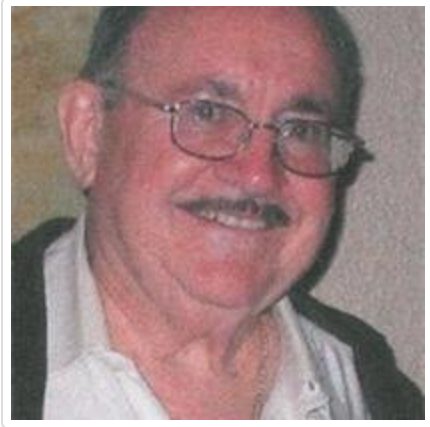




Robert Alexander Carothers

August 31, 1940 - August 31, 2013

Robert Alexander Carothers, 73, died on August 31st, 2013, at his Fremont home surrounded by loving family. Bob is survived by his mother, Christena Shinn; his loving wife of 17 years, Cici; his children Rhonda Wood and Shelley Hyde of Livermore, Gwyn Bauer of Boise, Erika Delgado, Jesse Rodas and Karla Henriquez of Fremont, 12 grandchildren, his brothers Don Carothers and Ron Shinn and two nephews.

He was born in Redwood City, CA on August 31st, 1940, and lived in the Bay Area all his life. He graduated from high school in San Leandro in 1958. He attended Chabot College, Cal State Hayward and Golden Gate University. Bob became a CPA in 1973 and practiced in Fremont for almost 40 years. His work was his passion and he helped so many people. Bob served the community by donating his time and services to many organizations- Fremont Rotary, YMCA and Ohlone College- were just a few. He was also very proud of the many reunion committees he served on for his Arroyo High School class of 1958.

Bob loved spending time with his family, listening to Elvis music, deer hunting and gardening. He enjoyed vacations in Hawaii with his wife and reading science fictions novels. In his spare time he could be found playing poker with high school buddies and never turned down a good drink of scotch. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, co-workers and his many clients and

professional associates.

A Celebration of life will be held on Monday, September 9, at 10:30am with a Chapel Service beginning at 11am at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dear Cici and Family,

I recently heard about Bob's passing and am very saddened. Bob was a very wonderful and kind person, and a well-known and respectable tax accountant in the community. I always looked forward to my annual tax appointment with Bob, because I knew that my questions would always be answered correctly and thoroughly, and in a professional manner. He was also very upbeat and treated me more like a friend than a client. I remember he told me how much he loved his work and his clients, and that he was having too much fun to retire. He truly loved his profession, and it showed in his positive attitude and smile every time I saw him.

I truly miss this man-there are not too many people like him. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Julia Barma

Julia Barma - February 21, 2014 at 10:49 AM

BH

“ Bob has played the role of Accountant and friend over the past 18 Years. He provided professional advice with true interest in our success as small business owners. His council and friendship will be truly missed. Our heart goes out to his family who he adored.

Bob Wolf and Heidi Hughes - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ You will be so missed! I loved talking to you and "brainstorming" in the tax planning sessions....My prayers to your family, staff, many friends and colleagues...

Melinda Pratt - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To CiCi and family,

It was my pleasure to work for Bob for over 15 years. He always had time to praise my work and gave me comfort when I was down. He was a great boss and friend.

The following I wrote after my husband had passed 6 years ago and I wanted to share it with you. Please find some comfort in it.

The man lay on his dying bed. His family was gathered around him. As they said their last goodbyes he was so weak he could hardly be heard.

Suddenly he raised his arms and shouted "Hallelujah, praise the Lord, his chariot comes for me.

Then lowering his arms he said in a whisper, Now don't you cry and don't you mourn because some day it will be you who shouts, Hallelujah, praise the Lord, his chariot comes for me.

When you arrive at the pearly gates I will be there to welcome you and with the heavenly choir I will sing, Hallelujah, praise the Lord, his chariot has brought you home.

*All my love and happy memories,
Mary K. Payne*

Mary Payne - September 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ I will miss Bob very much. He was so patient and kind. I would look forward to my tax meeting every year. Bob was always quick to respond to all my endless questions and he never made me feel bad no matter how many times I would ask the same question. He was very good at explaining everything. I felt very confident in taking his tax and business advice. Bob, you will be missed.

Heidi Hughes - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Dear Cici and family,

I so looked forward to seeing Bob at tax time. He always talked to me as a friend more than a client and cared about me and my family. When I lost my wife this May he reached out to comfort me. It is hard to lose someone you love and were so close to. I know what you are going through and can only pray for you and send along my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Frank Carretta - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I'm so sorry. I am a client of Bob's and I can't tell you how much I enjoyed seeing him every year to work on taxes. He was so helpful, so responsive year round. I will miss him very much.

Krista Van Laan

Krista Van Laan - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Whenever Bob walked into the office, he brought with him an upbeat mood. I so enjoyed working with him. I admired his professionalism, his organization, and his sincere joy for helping his clients. He graciously complimented my work often, which I always appreciated. He will be missed very much. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.

Arleen Taylor - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My friend I will miss you, And I send gods blessings to all of his family.

Steven C. Hurtado - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“Bob, my dear friend for more than 60 years is gone. I will never forget this man. Bob could always be counted on for everything. He was such a friendly guy and a great organizer. We worked together on our Arroyo High School (class of 58) San Lorenzo reunions.

Years ago, as Bob got serious about school and becoming the great CPA that he was, he used to come up to Placerville in his motor home and do the tax returns for me (and for a good portion of the Placerville Police Officers). It was a constant parade of cars and families visiting the house and people going in and out of that motor home getting their work done by Bob.

Bob met the greatest love of his life..CiCi and was a changed man.

We did hot rods, car building, car clubs, played cards in our teen years. Those card games continued with other friends over the years. Friends like Steve Makinka, Danny Lopez, Marty Bergersen...all classmates from Arroyo. I know I missed other players too.

Bob was never going to retire. He loved his work and his clients way too much to do so. In his last weeks, while taking radiation and chemo therapy he told me that he was still working with his office staff to see that his customers were taken care of. His work ethic was above reproach. His staff and partners loved the guy..and with good reason. Bob was an example for all of us to emulate.

My great old friend, Bobby, in his own words summed up his life perfectly: "It was a good ride."

Bob: may God Bless and Keep You Pal, and may He bring peace and comfort to your loving wife Cici and your families.

Richard "Dick" Lockwood,
Chief of Police Retired

*Jackson, CA
And my Wife Kerry D. Lockwood*

Dick and Kerry Lockwood - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Bob was always a great comfort to have "in your court" when it came time to deal with the tax agencies. We valued and appreciated his help for many years and will miss him!*

Ken Lindner - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *There are not enough words to say how much we will miss u ... Im just lucky to have had u in my life for as long as i did, u got to meet all my children and im grateful for that..The way u took care of my mother in law was of a man out of this world, as much as it hurt to say goodbye thats how much it will feel so good when i see u again..Please come and visit me in my dreams so i can still get my big hugs... I love u MR.CAROTHERS*

sheena nicholson - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ It's Ok To Go

*You were sick and tired and we all knew,
that God would soon come to take you.
You fought so hard, so very long,
but through the pain, you stayed strong.*

*We all knew there would come a day,
when God would come to carry you away.
It doesn't make it easier to say goodbye,...
and I try so hard not to cry.*

*I can't help but feel defeated,
or even maybe a little cheated.
But how very selfish would I be,
to hope and pray you could stay with me.*

*So as you laid there
I had to tell you "It's ok to go".
Say "Hi" to loved ones waiting on the other side.
I know some day; you'll be there when I take that ride.*

*I Found This poem on the web And Loved It Because This Is How
I'm Feeling At The Time... I Will Miss You Alot And Never Forget
You Thank You For Being There For Me When I Need You Most
And For Making Me The Man I'am Now Not Every Kid Is Lucky To
Have Two Great DAD'S & Now I Have One Watching Over Me From
Gods Kingdom And Hear On Earth And Let Me Pay You Back By
Watching Over My MOM With My Sisters & Family As We Try To
Keep Her As Happy As You Did THANKS....*

*LOVE YOU DAD FOREVER IN MY HEART AND NEVER
FORGOTTEN*

*LOVE ALWAYS THE RODAS FAMILY
Jessie, Sheena, Izabella*

Denise, Samantha, Sophia

R.I.P

Robert A Carothers

8/31/1940 To 8/31/2013

Jessie A Rodas - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *We so enjoyed working with Bob. Bob's enthusiasm and passion for his work was contagious. He always made us smile and look forward to our time together. We know Bob is smiling and sending loving thoughts our way, just as we send them to him and his loved ones.*

Elaine and Dane Starling - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM