



## Russell Max Truesdell

June 1, 1921 - May 20, 2012

Russell Max Truesdell passed away peacefully on May 20, 2012. He was born on June 1, 1921 in Ames, Iowa to the late George Oliver Truesdell and Susie Grace Scott Truesdell.

Russ attended Iowa State University for 2 years and managed the Collegian Theater in Ames before enlisting in the Army Air Corp in 1942. He served as a Sergeant in the 18th Weather Squadron in Scotland and France during World War II. Upon returning home after the war, he worked for Metropolitan Life and the U.S. Weather Bureau in Burlington, Iowa.

In 1951 Russ was hired by KCSJ-TV in Pueblo, Colorado as a film editor and meteorologist. He then moved his family to San Jose, California in 1955 when he was hired by KNTV as their weatherman and Operations Manager. Russ later worked again for Metropolitan Life and subsequently retired from the County of Santa Clara where he was a dispatcher for 20 years. Russ has called Turlock, California his home for the past 18 years.

Russ is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Marilyn R. Dykes Truesdell, who he affectionately called "Rosebud". They were married December 27, 1942 in Ames, Iowa. Sons, Tom and wife Annette of Morgan Hill, CA; Jim and wife Kathy of Brentwood, CA; Jack and wife Debra of Brownsville, WI. 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren,



# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Max Truesdell*

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January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Rosebud,  
Sorry I couldn't make the service, as I had another service to attend, in Fresno. I just didn't think I could drive fast enough to be there at 10 am, and drive to Fresno, to be with family, at 1PM.  
As I lost my Sylvia 2 years ago, I know what it's like. I still miss her still, but try to keep from getting "down". If you feel that way, grieve a little, but take a deep breath, and think of something else. Being alone is tough. Rely on friends and family. I'd like to tell you more, but this is not the place. We'll all miss a really nice guy, and a pleasure to work with.  
Take care, Reg Gazay 408-238-9867*

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**Reg Gazay** - June 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a gentleman! A voice from Heaven and the heart to match. We were all blessed to have had you in our lives. You brought "class" and maturity to our work environment at County Comm, and served as a role model to all who came in contact with you. Rest in Peace Father Murphy and know that you left wonderful memories for all who have had the privilege of knowing you.*

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**Brad Woodington** - June 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ God Bless your dad jimmy...from his service to his country to the wonderful family he and your mom raised. i will remember him as a kind person who always placed his family first and will think of him on fathers day because of the superior father he was...

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**Michael Bailey** - June 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Russ, you were one of my favorite people. You were kind enough to listen to my corny jokes.  
*The Other Grandpa, BOB*

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**Robert enefick** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ PAX VOBISCUM, Russ...

*From the very first day you arrived at Santa Clara County Communications, it was a pleasure to work along side you. You were a quick learn. And after, when I had left to other public safety endeavors, it was again a great pleasure to occasionally enjoy listening to your professional manner. Always an enjoyable "light in that vast forest of radio noise."*

*Your family, and friends, have been blessed.*

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**Jack Daley** - June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ You have touched so many hearts. You will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May you rest in peace.

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**Gallo Family** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Grandpa,  
You have always been someone who I've looked up to and have admired for all the qualities that make the world "good." Your kindness and caring... Your love and devotion to your family... Your quest to make those around you feel loved and appreciated... All of these things have been passed down to my Dad and to me. I try to live my life as you have taught us to live life... Kind, Caring, and Loving. I will miss you deeply but your spirit will always be held close to my heart as I continue to be the kind of person you've taught me to be. I love you Grandpa and thank you for being the person you were.

All my love,  
Sean

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**Sean Truesdell** - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Pops you are the guiding light in everything I do. I'm glad we had a relationship where every conversation ended in "I Love You" I feel every moment of the days we had together were well spent. Your love lives in my heart.

Love You Dad  
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**James Truesdell** - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I was so lucky to have a grandfather like you. I enjoyed all the great times we had at my soccer games. Thank you for being the person that you were. This world is now a little darker that your gone. Grandpa I love you with all my heart. I will see you again some day but until then keep us safe. Love your grandson

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**Jared Truesdell** - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ You were the best Grandpa a girl could ask for. Loving, caring and always put others before for yourself. You will be dearly missed. You may be gone but will never be forgotten. Your Love will live within my heart forever! This is not goodbye it's until we meet again someday. Love you Grandpa!

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**Amanda Del Ponte** - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM