



William P Youngdale

January 10, 1927 - July 3, 2014

Bill Youngdale, 87, of Turlock, passed away on July 3, 2014 at Stanford Hospital. He was born to Frank J. and Esther Myhren Youngdale at Emanuel Hospital in Turlock.

He attended local schools, including Hawthorne and Lowell, and graduated from Turlock High School with the Class of '44. He served 2½ years in the Merchant Marine. Upon returning to Turlock he joined his father, mother, and brother Frank at Youngdale's while earning his A.A. degree at Modesto Junior College.

In the summer of 1949 he met his future wife, Alberta Caffey, at her parents' farm on Soderquist Road while on a service call with Hiro Asai to repair a refrigerator. They married on May 6, 1950 and two years later their first daughter Lynne was born. In 1954, they moved to their current home and welcomed second daughter Dara. In 1958, their third daughter Sonia was born.

Bill worked side-by-side with his parents, brother Frank, and sister Mary Lou, building and expanding Youngdale's, Inc. The appliance department flourished under his leadership to become the cornerstone of this Turlock retail landmark. He enjoyed a long and successful career, retiring after 50 years on Christmas Eve, 1997.

Although a dedicated businessman, Bill had many outside interests. He exercised daily and ran in numerous races. He played tennis and was an avid snow skier, enjoying ski trips with Alberta in the U.S. and Europe, and helicopter skiing with friends in Canada. He took up scuba diving and had great adventures with his dive buddies, collecting specimens for Steinhart Aquarium. He had the great pleasure of diving with his daughter Lynne and grandson, Chris. Business rewarded Bill and Alberta with numerous opportunities to see the world, sparking a love of travel that continued well into retirement.

Bill's passion was Turlock and its continued success as a thriving community in which to raise a family. He treasured his childhood memories, his relationships with friends, and was committed throughout his life to support Turlock's future. He was a member of the 20-30 Club, served 17 years on the Planning Commission, was a member of the Stanislaus State College Advisory Committee, and was an active member of the Turlock Historical Society. He valued his Christian upbringing and attended Turlock Covenant Church all of his life.

After retiring, Bill finally had time to play golf, take long voyages, and spend special times with his extended family. He lived his faith through kindness, generosity, and many thoughtful acts.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Alberta, daughters Lynne, Dara and Sonia, sons-in-law Jim, Steve and Laverne, grandchildren Chris, Laura, Claudia and Grace, and sister Mary Lou. He is also survived by many adoring nieces and nephews, in-laws, members of his coffee group, card club, and golf buddies.

A memorial service will be held at Turlock Funeral Home on Friday, July 11, at 11 a.m. Private interment will take place at Turlock Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity or organization of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ William P Youngdale

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



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DM

“ I MISS HIM AND YOUNGDALES.HE ALWAYS GAVE YOU THE BENIFIT OF THE DOUBT. HE ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS PART OF THE FAMILY. I KNOW THAT BILL,CARL, AND FRANK ARE HAVING A GREAT TIME TOGETHER. SEE YOU GUYS. DAN

DAN MELLO - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I enjoyed the company and friendship of Bill during our years as members of the Turlock Toastmasters Club.

Roy E. Woodward - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Youngdale's was my home-away-from-home. I grew up with all of you. Please know that you are in my thoughts, Alberta. I was so glad to have been able to see and hug you both at dad's funeral. Sending my love to the whole Youngdale family,*

Christine Nielsen Leoncio with Gianne & Marissa Nielsen Leoncio

Christine Nielsen Leoncio - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *My condolences to Bill's family! Turlock will miss Bill...such a boaster for our town! I have a Bill story: We lived 2 doors from the Youngdales on Florence Street. When Mary Lou and I were Freshmen Bill was a Senior. Mary Lou and I would walk to high school most mornings. BUT some times Bill would give us a ride to school....he charged us .05cents a ride! Bill was a business man even then!!!*

Lorene Christoffersen Larson - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *When I was young we lived two houses from the Youngdales. There were a lot of young children in the neighborhood and he was always so kind to us.
I vividly remember when Bill returned home from the service; I was about 9 years old at the time. I went over to see him and sang him the song, "Oh, Where Have You Been, Billy Boy?"*

Ailene Christoffersen Cross - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Bill, you will be dearly missed.
I'm glad to have know you as a friend.*

God be with you.I

Craig R. Andrson - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *We will surely miss you Bill. I will always be grateful for you always including me in so many of our sports activities especially Winter Park Colo. What a great group and a great time. You will be in our prayers forever.w*

Jim & Bea Hapgood - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I had the pleasure of working for Bill from 1989-1993. Such a hard working and dedicated man. Always fair to all, and always caring, many employees worked for them for 20 or more years, a true testament to him! I can't think of a day he didn't have a smile on his face! He believed in supporting his community and he worked tirelessly to help others. He will be missed by so many....*

Lori Bill - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To the Bill Youngdale family,
Even though we know there is a time for us to leave this earth, it is with great sadness we read of the passing of Bill.
I remember going to Youngdales as a child. What an institution the Youngdale family had in Turlock. It was a place where farmers could go to get parts and their wives could purchase shower and wedding gifts which were always so beautifully wrapped. Then you could purchase all your appliance needs to furnish your home plus have them repaired if need be. The store always had outstanding personnel and customer service. They always made you feel welcomed. Bill had that wonderful smile and spoke to everyone. We will miss seeing you sitting in front of us at the Turlock Auditorium programs. May God bless you and your family.
Sincerely, Mary and Ed Sai

Mary and Ed Sai - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM