



## Hometown Hero: CLAY WALKER SIGG

Clay Walker Sigg passed away peacefully on June 11, 2022, surrounded by those he loved. He suffered a stroke on Wednesday evening after playing a round of golf.

Clay was the eldest of two children born on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1950, to Robert William Sigg and Patricia Genevieve Davies. He grew up in Downey, California where his childhood was spent playing sandlot streetball and never making it home before dark. In high school, his family moved to Trona, California where he was chosen for the All-Southern California baseball team during his senior year.

In 1968, Clay began his college career at the University of California at Davis, majoring in History and playing Aggies college baseball as a centerfielder. Known for his exceptional range and tenacity, Clay was chosen for the All Far Western Conference, All-Century Defensive Team and was awarded best defensive play by renowned coach Phil Swimley. As a leadoff hitter with fine bat control, he set many wooden bat era records and was proudly inducted into the UC Davis Baseball Hall of Fame twice, first for his disciplined career and additionally as part of the record setting 1972 team.

This was only the beginning of Clay's lifelong passion for baseball. In 1990, Clay joined the Men's Senior Baseball League winning the World Series two years in a row. Alongside former major league players, he maintained an impressive .500 batting average and was inducted into the Men's Senior League Hall of Fame in 2008.

Clay's love for baseball served as a metaphor for life and greatly contributed to his every success. His deep love and respect for the game inspired him to write *Hometown Heroes: The Single Franchise Baseball Stars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*. The players highlighted in this beautiful tribute spent their entire careers devoted to the same team, were outstanding role models and deeply involved in their communities. For Clay, these men were the immortalized heroes of his boyhood and his lifelong dedication to their example has elevated him into their ranks.

Clay's commitment to these values were exemplified in his 46+ year real estate career as a broker and mentor. As a lifetime Toastmaster, he led his agents in "Weekly Empowerment Workshops" where he instilled a pursuit of personal excellence. He was well known in the Sacramento Region due to his long career with Lyon Real Estate, Coldwell Banker and most recently as the owner/broker for Diez & Sigg Properties, established in 2017.

Clay's involvement with the local, state, and national REALTOR® Associations is legendary. In 1998, he was elected President of the Sacramento Association of REALTORS®. Before that, he served on nearly every SAR committee available. He was a California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) State Director for over three decades and was awarded the prestigious C.A.R. 'Director for Life' designation, one of the most prestigious awards that the 200,000-member trade organization bestows. He served on the C.A.R. Executive Committee and chaired significant C.A.R. committees including Professional Standards, Transaction & Regulatory, Federal Issues, Legal Affairs Forum, and Legal Action Fund Trustees. He was also Vice Chair of the C.A.R. Strategic Planning & Finance Committee and Chair of C.A.R. Region 3. Additionally, he was part of the C.A.R.

Congressional Lobbying committee, making yearly visits to Washington DC to advocate for the industry. In recognition of his steadfast career as an industry leader in real estate, he was awarded the Sacramento Association of REALTORS® Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.

When he wasn't in the office, Clay could be found exploring his deep appreciation for nature. He held a special passion for the mountains; summiting Mount Shasta, Mount Whitney, and Half Dome. Clay was up for any adventure and explored the world river rafting, kayaking, and downhill skiing. One of his long-held dreams was to hike the John Muir Trail which he began section hiking in 2004 with his son Anthony and completed with his daughter Nicole and son-in-law Greg in 2009. At home, Clay loved nothing more than biking with his wife on the American River trail and working tirelessly on his golf game. An athlete to the end, his discipline to exercise and mental fortitude were a pillar in his everyday life, allowing him to achieve his lowest golf handicap of 2.9.

Clay accomplished what he set out to do in his life. He leaves a legacy of character, commitment and purpose to this world. His devotion to his family was exemplary, embodied by his dedication as a father, grandfather and husband. His beautiful 45-year marriage to Sandra is a shining light to everyone it touched and their love endures as an inspiration to all.

Mr. Sigg is survived by his wife Sandra Moldenhauer Sigg of Granite Bay, California, his brother Eric Whitman Sigg of Pasadena, California his daughter Nicole Sigg Anderson, son-in-law Greg Joseph Anderson, and grandsons Noah William Anderson and Luke Daniel Anderson of Shingle Springs, California; daughter Julia Sigg Dedmon, son-in-law Chad Michael Dedmon and granddaughter Brielle Grace Dedmon and grandson David Judah Dedmon of Redding, California; son Anthony Martin Sigg and Alison Darling Sigg of Port Orford, Oregon.

**A celebration of life ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6pm.**

**[Located at the Granite Bay Golf Club, CA.](#)**

