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**Yriberry Field Dedication**

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# YRIBERRI FIELD

## PAUL YRIBERRI

ALUMNUS – TEACHER – COACH

1948-2007



### ORINDA'S OWN

BORN IN BERKELEY, RAISED IN ORINDA. ATTENDED MIRAMONTE HIGH SCHOOL FROM 1962 TO 1966. LETTERED IN BASEBALL, FOOTBALL AND WRESTLING. GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO IN 1971 AND SERVED IN THE ARMY SIGNAL CORPS FROM 1971 TO 1973. RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION FROM ST. MARY'S COLLEGE IN 1978.

### TEACHER

TAUGHT BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY AT MIRAMONTE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 33 YEARS, FROM 1974 UNTIL 2007. HIS DEVOTION AND HUMOROUS APPROACH TO LIFE SPREAD TO HIS CAREER WHERE HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST WELL LIKED TEACHERS IN SCHOOL HISTORY. HE TAUGHT THROUGH EXAMPLE, WITH THE GUIDANCE OF A FATHER AND THE PLAYFULNESS OF A CHILD. HE WAS A ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR.

### COACH

HEAD COACH OF THE JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FROM 1976-1991 AND THE VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM FROM 1978 TO 1985. MOVED TO VARSITY FOOTBALL IN 1992 WHERE HE COACHED THE DEFENSE AND HELPED THE MATADORS WIN SEVEN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THREE NORTH COAST SECTION TITLES IN 1997, 1998 AND 2001.

### FAMILY AND PERSONAL

DEDICATED HUSBAND TO JANE FOR 35 YEARS AND A LOVING FATHER OF THEIR TWO CHILDREN RENEE AND JOHN. "THERE WAS NEVER A DULL MOMENT OR A SECOND WITH HIM TAKEN FOR GRANTED. HE LOVED LIFE AND BROUGHT HAPPINESS TO EVERYONE HE MET."

*Paul spent 50 years playing here, and spent his lifetime bettering our community.*

*...this field is our tribute...*

Miramonte friends and alumni are invited to attend the dedication of the athletic field in Paul Yriberry's memory prior to the Homecoming game on Friday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. Yriberry influenced the lives of many people. He grew up in Orinda and graduated from Miramonte, where he lettered in baseball, football and wrestling. After college and the army he returned to Miramonte, where he taught for 33 years until his untimely death in March 2007. He was a successful football coach, helping to win numerous league and NCS championships. He was a great science teacher, connecting at a personal level with thousands of students and mentoring numerous Miramonte teachers. But most important to him was his 35-year marriage to his wife, Jane, and his loving relationships with his two children, Renee and John. He was an inspiration to his players in practice during the week and on the sidelines on game day. As in the classroom, he taught that hard work pays off on the field. He made practices fun, kept all players interested, and found ways to help the second and third string players as much as the first string.



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