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Community mourns Miler Gloor Magrath, longtime Lafayette business owner

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Miler Gloor Magrath, who for over 40 years was a co-owner of Diamond K Supply in Lafayette, passed away earlier this month following complications from a stroke. He was 62.

Magrath became President of Diamond K in 1990 and ran the business along with his brother, Bill, and sister, Anne Magrath Coleman. His siblings will continue to run the company. Their parents, Bill and Nancy Magrath, originally purchased an interest in the business in 1947 from Ogden Kiesel and eventually assumed full ownership.

The current manager of Diamond K, Kevin Montgomery, has worked for them for three years. He commented, "Miler was a very generous man, donating to local schools regularly. He also was a huge fan of the Eagle Scout projects in Lamorinda and constantly donated materials to them as well. Miler leaves a void here at Diamond K that will never be filled, but we will carry on this business in his memory."

Magrath was born in Oakland, grew up in Lafayette and graduated from Acalanes High School and California State University, Chico. His passions included traveling with his family and friends, duck hunting, golf, fishing, gardening and the San Francisco 49ers. According to Montgomery, he was never without his San Francisco Giants hat, either.

Magrath is survived by his wife, Maureen; two daughters, Molly and Mackenzie; his faithful dog, Maisy; sister Anne Magrath Coleman; brother, Bill Magrath; father-in-law, Dr. James McFadden; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nephews and in-laws. He is predeceased by his parents, Bill and Nancy Magrath, and mother-in-law Pat McFadden.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

All are welcome to a celebration of Magrath's life to be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 16 at Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill, where he was a member. Diamond K will be closed on that day.

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