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Blair Aydelotte Blair Aydelotte Passed away Sept. 3, 2006 at his home in Castro Valley, CA, after a nearly two year battle with cancer, surrounded by love from his wife Shannon; sons, Alan and William; close family friend, Jeanna Duerig; and loyal dog, "Chopper." Born Oct. 2, 1952 in Oakland, CA, to the late William and Marilyn Aydelotte. He attended San Leandro High School, graduated from San Jose State University, and joined the family business, Hayward Electric, in 1978. He was a loving husband and father, loyal friend, respected businessman, sports enthusiast and youth sports coach for many years, an avid reader and history buff, and a man of strong will and humor. Survived by his wife of 28 years, Shannon; sons, Alan and William; brother, Mark and numerous relatives and friends. The family would like to thank Blair's caring doctors: Francis Johnson and Ricardo daRoza (Castro Valley) and Andrew Ko (UCSF). Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, CA, on Monday, Sept. 11, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. (www.lifemarkgroup.com). Contributions in his memory may be made to Children's Hospital, Oakland.



Dan Worgull posted:

Blair and I worked together for almost 25 years both in the field and in the office, so I have many memories. Memories of wiring two Burger Kings at the same time for Derald Gephart as field electricians to doing Blair's jobs at Zoecon, Chevron, and Dow Chemical and finally to managing HE together. We also spend many hours in the shop talking about our families, current events, his son Alan's first hit in Little League, William playing catcher in Little League (the toughest position), and national sports like football, baseball, basketball, hockey, golf, volleyball, soccer, boxing, track, tennis, and car racing (did I miss any?). Blair loved sports and talking about his sons' sports. The day Alan got his hit in Little League, Blair went from office to office bragging about it. Sometimes we would have more serious debates about religion, politics, economics or even the world being flat and did Abraham Lincoln really exist? Blair was well-read and could argue any subject intelligently. It didn't hurt either that I think he could remember the most insignificant facts. I don't think he ever lost a debate. A painful memory for me was when I decided to leave Hayward Electric. Blair did not react well to my decision. I know now that the reason for his reaction was that I think he felt that he was losing more than a business associate. We had shared so much, I think he felt that he was losing a friend. The last memory I had with Blair was in April of this year. Blair, Alan Nielson, Matt Yaden and I had lunch at the Ice Creamery in Castro Valley. It was good time and sort of a healing time for the four of us. Afterward, we went up to Blair's house to meet Chopper. What a shock, Blair had a dog! I'm sure Steve Clemens understands. Anyway, we talked a little more, Blair apologized that Shannon wasn't home and then gave me hug goodbye! I recall thinking, was this the person I knew for 25 years? To think of a dog and a hug. I think he knew at that time that the end was near, and wanted me to know that we would part as friends. Blair was always a man of passion, conviction, and commitment. Regardless of all our ups and downs, I always knew that Blair was, first and foremost, committed to Shannon, then to his two sons, and then to his friends and co-workers. We will all miss you, my friend. Dan Worgull

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