

CLSA Remembers



William H. Young, Age 71,

of Riverside, CA., passed away on 04/04/2006 due to abdominal aortic aneurism at the Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in San Clemente. William was born in 1934 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He was Chief of Surveying &

Mapping, Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (1957-1996), President of the Board of Directors of Analytical Photogrammetric Surveys, Inc. (1970-Present) and retired from the County Flood Control in 1996. He was appointed to National Academy of Science, Research Committee on Geodesy in 1992; founding member and past chairman of the California Spatial Reference Center; Executive Committee of the Southern California Earthquake Center's Integrated Global Position System Network. William is survived by wife, Mollie Young, celebrated 50th anniversary last year; 3 daughters, Pamela Young Lee, Long Beach, CA., Amanda Young Alexander, Rolling Hills, CA, Karen Young Henson, Menifee, CA; son, William Michael Young, San Diego, CA; 7 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Perry Eugene Young. Rosary 04/10, 6:30pm with Mass at 7pm at St. Francis de Sales Church. Buffet reception following Mass in the St. Francis de Sales Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Mental Health Research Organization (NARSAD) www.narsad.org or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) www.jdrf.org.

The following is from a series of E-mails sent by members of the CSRC (California Spatial Reference Center) and general E-mails after learning of Bill's passing.

Bill was a leader and a gentleman. His vision and hard work were instrumental in creating SCIGN and CSRC. He loved his family, his friends, and his work, and was a model for us all in every aspect of life. We will miss him sorely, professionally and personally. I will always remember him. My condolences to his family.

Some very sad news today. Bill was very special and a true asset to the world of surveyors. He will be very missed.

From the year and a half of knowing Bill, I knew him to be passionately committed to his family, friends, and work. His presence and spirit will be greatly missed.

I (we) have learned so much from Bill's professionalism and mentorship. I hope I am able to apply his teachings and uphold his ideals. I share in everyone's loss and sadness. My condolences to

Bill's family and many friends.

While many a good man would have just packed it up, set back on their laurels, and retired after the professional career Bill had, it was after his retirement that Bill seemed to be even more focused and more driven to make the surveying profession in California move forward with the times. Bill did this like a man on a mission and it was that kind of leadership and vision that made us all want to follow him. Bill will be irreplaceable.

Bill never ceased to amaze me with his drive and zeal. His passing is a big loss to California, as he had a large impact in the surveying profession.

This is a shock. Bill was the Chief of Surveys and Mapping when I started my first job in surveying at Riverside County Flood Control (1978). He personally shepherded me into the CSRC many years later. A man of incredible energy, innovation, vision. I only got to chat with him briefly at the CLSA conference in Reno and will miss his presence in the surveying world.

Bill was a gentleman and a scholar and always in the vanguard of the profession. He was unassuming and caring and a fine example of a human being. I will miss you dearly Bill.

It was truly very sad news about Bill Young. I got to know him from my days in the Riverside-San Bernardino chapter of CLSA and from other geodetic surveying/educational activities. Bill was indeed a giant and he will be sorely missed.

This is a shock, and very sad news. Bill was extraordinarily innovative and broadminded and competent. He also took the time to be personally interested in the people he worked with. He will be missed.

Very sad news indeed. Although I didn't know Bill well, he was quite inspiring with vision and his drive to get things accomplished. He will be missed dearly.

Bill Young was one of the most genuine people I have ever met. His dedication to his work and wife Mollie are unparalleled. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and will be greatly missed by the profession and by all those he touched. My hat is off to you Bill. With deep gratitude and sincere condolences to his family,

I knew Bill for only four years or so. As has been stated, he was visionary, kind, inspiring. He was also willing to assist, selfless and devoted. I was not afforded the luxury of knowing his family. To those who knew him on a personal level, I sympathize with your direct loss. He will be remembered and missed.

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