



Wow . . . What a Ride!

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, totally worn out and proclaiming 'Wow, what a ride!'"

- author unknown but sometimes attributed to motorcycle racer Bill McKenna

Born January 28, 1938, to Robert & Beatrice Kinkaid, "Buddy" was raised in Santa Clara and attended Santa Clara High School (Class of 1956). As a teenager he danced at the Wutzit Club, a youth/teen center, and was a member of the Young Men's Institute Drum and Bugle Corps. He also served in the Navy Reserves.

Robert graduated from the Ponce College of Beauty in San Mateo, and became a hair stylist, an instructor and an award-winning Platform Artist. He was an outstanding hair stylist for fifty years, settling his shop in Menlo Park, and serving his loyal clientele up and down the Peninsula and East Bay.

Robert was an avid motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed cruising throughout the countryside. Now nicknamed "Fuzzy," Robert was a life member of the Harley Owner's Group (HOG) and the Sierra Road Riders Association (SRRA). In addition to racing and participating in many rides, his motorcycling adventures included the USA Four Corners Tour and a solo ride from the Bay Area to Alaska.

Robert had many hobbies and interests, including singing with the Half Moon Bay Coastside Choral. He had a great love of the outdoors. He enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, and was particularly fond of Yosemite. Robert also enjoyed the companionship of his beloved dog, Rascal. The two were inseparable, seen together almost everywhere, especially on outdoor treks.

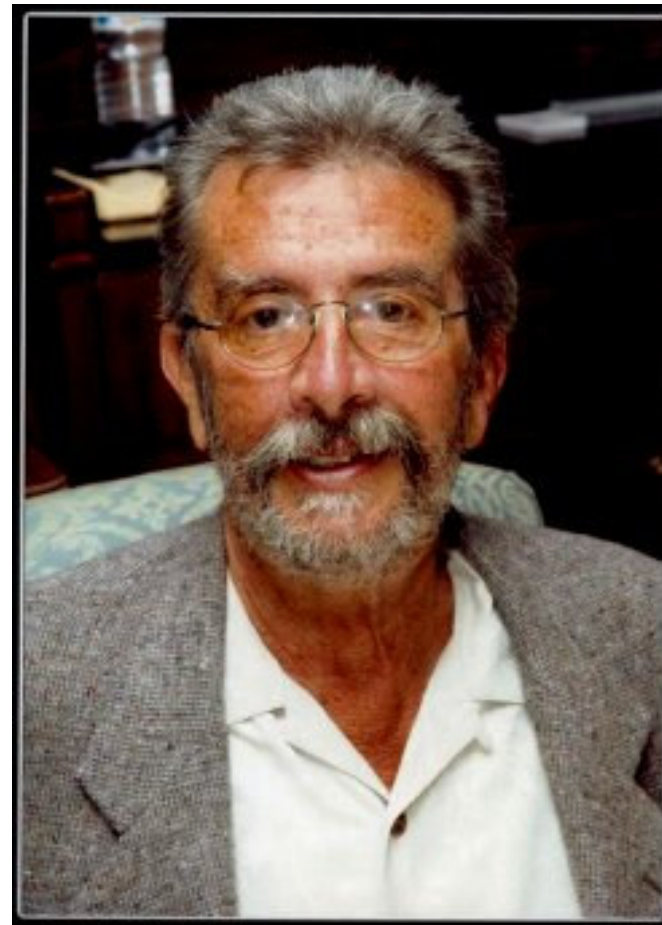
In addition to motorcycles, Robert had a great love of cars. In his younger years, he painted and pinstriped cars for a living. He was particularly proud of his lovingly restored El Camino, which resulted in yet another nickname, "El Camino Bob." He also enjoyed NASCAR and was a fan of Jeff Gordon.

Robert had a very outgoing nature and a sharp sense of humor and wit. He connected with people of all kinds, from all walks of life, and could make anyone feel comfortable. He had a reputation as a master storyteller and jokester. The stories of elaborate practical jokes he and his friends engineered and played on each other were legendary.

Robert was a successful swing dance competitor and loved swing dancing and traveling, which he shared with his wife Michelle. He closely assisted in her Swing Dance business and as a co-host on their ocean cruises. Together they founded the "Magic" Swing Dance Events ("Mountain Magic," "Sea Magic," "Train Magic") and provided an exciting, new forum for dancing in the Swing Dance community. Robert and Michelle were the Dynamic Duo of Dance, devoted to each other. Most recently, they celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary among dance friends in the club where they first met.

Robert is survived by his loving wife Michelle; daughters Wendy, Alysia and Sarah; sons Robert and Keith; and a large, loving extended family and friends. Robert was loved by many people and will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Robert, we will never forget you!



Robert James Kinkaid, Jr.

“Buddy” “Fuzzy” “Bob”

January 28, 1938 - May 31, 2010

*Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts.
And we are never, ever the same. – author Flavia*