

David Forchheimer

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David Forchheimer, who grew up in Alpine and made a highly successful commercial radio broadcasting career throughout the country, passed away Friday, September 28, 2012 at his Sacramento, California home after a brief illness. He was 66.



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David took a part-time radio announcer's job at KVLB while attending Alpine High School in the 1960s and made broadcasting his life's work. His expertise in country music programming from the 1970s through the 1990s put the stations where he worked in the top echelon of the market. Billboard magazine named him country music programmer of the year in the late 1970s. His work took him from coast to coast where he was program director for stations in Memphis, Philadelphia, Houston, Shreveport, New Orleans, Denver, Oakland-San Francisco, Sacramento and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

David Mayer Forchheimer was born in Tyler, Texas on October 17, 1945 to Paul and Sylvia "Teeby" Golenternek Forchheimer. The family moved to Alpine in 1951. David graduated from Alpine High School in 1964 and from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1970. While attending UTEP, he

continued his radio work at KHEY, the border city's country music station and where he took his radio personality name, Bob Young, that he would be known as throughout his career.

The work of a program director is mostly behind the scenes, but David insisted that a part of his workday be in the studio, at the control board, and in front of the microphone as an announcer to better stay in touch with the listeners. He counted among his friends and acquaintances county music performers Garth Brooks, Charlie Pride, Buck Owens, Lynn Anderson, and Charlie Rich.



David and Garth Brooks

After he retired from radio in the late 1990s, he moved to Sacramento where he worked in public relations for an environmental consulting firm for several years and where he lived the past 13 years.

Survivors include his mother, Teeby Forchheimer; his sister, Juliette Schwab and her husband Gregory Schwab, all of Alpine; a son, Dr. Jon Adcock and his wife Stephanie; four granddaughters, Kate, Maggie, Sarah, and Libby Adcock, all of Birmingham, Alabama; an aunt, Florence Halpern of Alpine; two cousins on the Forchheimer side of the family, Daniel Halpern of Fort Worth and Robert Halpern of Marfa; also several cousins from the Golenternek family.

His father, Paul Forchheimer, preceded him in death.

David loved spending time with his granddaughters who called him Grandpa Spoiler. He enjoyed walking, swimming, and jogging. He was an avid reader and a current events and news junkie, from sports to politics to every topic in between.

He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and clever wit.

A memorial service will be held in Alpine at a later date.

The family requests that memorials be made to a charity or cause of the donor's choice.

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