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Sammy,

I'm sorry to inform you that my dad didn't make it. His radiation treatments left him very weak and he died in his sleep Sunday April 29th, 2007.

Our plans to meet in Ft Lauderdale would have pleased him immensely!
He always thought the world of you.

Sincerely,
Bill Gardner

Please tell your Mom and family I knew your Dad when we were young and before the start of WW 2. It was men like your Dad who fought the enemy with success. 2,000 a week die daily who served our country. Your Dad lost his chance to make our Olympic Diving Team because he took to the air to fight for my right to continue to go to medical school to have a chance to make our Olympic Team when the Olympics started again in London's 14TH OLYMPIAD in 1948.

Sammy

KEEP THE FAITH AND KEEP IN TOUCH!

Bobby Gardner and I first met in 1941 at the Indoor Inter collegiate Nationals at Michigan State. Then we both ran into a high school diver Miller Andersen at the University of Michigan. Bobby and I had the highest degree of difficulty of anyone but those wooden boards caused me to have hemorrhoids prematurely. Earl Clark beat us.

I thought I had Earl at the Outdoors at Maplewood, Mo. because while he did a front 2 1/2 pike, mine was a 3 1/2 tuck; his back 1 1/2 straight, mine a back 2 1/2 tuck. In fact I did one more somersault than he did in each category. I believe I had 11 points on him due to my DD. I recall following my fwd. 3 1/2 tuck...Clarence Pinkston got up after my scores were announced and said Sammy I can't stand watching you get screwed by the judges. It was the year T. Bone Martin(actor Strother Martin who played in the movie Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid) dyed his hair blonde so the judges might think he was the legendary Al Patnik.

I am sure if Bob Gardner had the **Maxiflex** board he would have done the **reverse, back,** and **inward 3 1/2** and **fwd. 4 1/2 tuck, from the 3 meter!**

He, like Miller lost their gold medals in defeating the Axis and the Rising Sun during WW 2 as fighter pilots.

Sammy
