



## William J. “Bill” Tucker

June 12, 1944 - October 14, 2020

William J. “Bill” Tucker passed away October 14 in a local hospital following a catastrophic heart attack. He was born in Pomona, raised in Covina and lived in Riverside and Visalia before settling in Benicia 23 years ago. A three sport athlete in high school, he attended LaVerne College on an athletic scholarship, but left college to travel in Europe for a year. There he taught himself to play the guitar, which he continued to play for school children, churches, friends, and families for the rest of his life.

After Europe, Bill enlisted in the Navy (1966-1968), married, and graduated from California State University, Los Angeles. Drawn to helping young people, he joined the Riverside County Probation Department, Juvenile Division where he rose to the rank of Chief Deputy Probation Officer. He was recognized for initiating innovative treatment programs for young women and for promoting positive restorative justice approaches for young people. He was a Little League coach, a member of Kiwanis Club, a Benicia Bocce player, an American Legion member and a supporter of Tony LaRussa’s Animal Rescue Foundation.

He is survived by Sharon, his wife of more than 53 years; daughter Allison Leigh (David) Grumio; son Jason William (Lori Gentry); brother James Norman Tucker; nieces and nephew Lilli, Jimmy and Patti; great-nephew Richard Lyon; and Bill’s only granddaughter, Isadora Marguerite Grumio.

Due to the current environment, services will be held at a later date. The family prefers that any donations be made in his name be sent to Tony LaRussa’s Animal Rescue Foundation, ([arlife.org](http://arlife.org)).

# Tribute Wall

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“ 4 generations of Tucker men. We miss you, dear Bill.



Lilli Lyon - November 05, 2020 at 08:39 AM

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“ My Uncle Bill was larger than life to me. I miss him so very much. He constantly reached out to keep our “little family” connected. I kept so many of his voice mails which always started out “nothing urgent, sweet niece, just checking on you.” I shall try to keep that going in his memory. I will be forever better because he took the time to help me navigate thru life.

Lilli Tucker Lyon - October 25, 2020 at 06:53 PM



*I really liked my great uncle Bill. I wish I had spent more time getting to know him. He reminded me a lot of my dad!*

Christian Tucker - October 27, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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*Missing my Uncle Bill so much. He reached out to all our family regularly and always had a blessing to say... he'd specifically encourage each of us and tell us why we were loved and what he saw as special in us. I'm grieving the opportunity for my grown children to interact with my sweet Uncle. His marriage to Sharon was a long and inspiring act of friendship and teamwork. Bill: you are missed beyond words. I still need another call from you.*

Patti Tucker Boliou - November 10, 2020 at 02:51 PM