



## Alfred E. "Al" Bertellotti

June 27, 1932 - July 14, 2021

Alfred Ettore Bertellotti, 89, passed away on July 14, 2021 from complications from a brief battle with cancer.

Alfred was born to Ettore Bertellotti and Madeline (Rovai) in Colma, California on June 27, 1932. He was the second of six children Lenora (Clifford, deceased) Smith, Rina (Donald) Cardoza, Delva (Leo) Giannecchini, Denny Bertellotti, deceased (Sylvia, deceased. Mary), Gina Garske (Joe).

Alfred is survived by his wife, Rae, of over 65 years. They were married on September 4, 1955 and have lived in their beautiful Victorian home in Benicia, California since 1964. Together they raised four children: Michael Bertellotti (Laurie, deceased), Lora Bertellotti (deceased), Lisa Anderson, and Amy Falkner (Cory). He is also survived by his eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren whom he loved and adored with all his heart.

Alfred attended school in Benicia graduating from Benicia High in 1952. After high school, Alfred went to Fort Ord for basic training and then served two years in the Army at Camp Gordon in Georgia, where he served as an instructor of communications. He then served in the Benicia Arsenal as a painter. He finished his career at Travis Air Force Base, retiring as a supervisor foreman in the paint division. Al retired in 1987 after thirty-seven years of working for the Federal Government. Throughout his noble careers, he also served as a volunteer fireman for the Benicia Fire Department, was active in the Young Man's Institute, and a member of the Benicia Native Sons'.

Although he may be most known for the creation of and establishment of the Al Bertellotti Bocce Ball Courts, he is also the only Benicia resident having a pizza named after him, The Mr. B Special from Pacifica Pizza in Benicia. He was an avid sports enthusiast, attending all his children's, grandchildren's, and friends' games, even being thrown out of many for his extreme passion for the love of the game!

Al had many hobbies and loved working on his many side jobs. He was constantly busy fixing things around his beautiful home, building birdhouses for family and friends, cooking amazing dishes, or painting things like the ice cream cone out front of Double Rainbow, but he always found time for his family and friends. He may actually be most known for the many, many miles cruising up and down First Street with his dog, Rosie, and hanging out at the spit with his fisherman friends.

Al loved his community, life, his friends, and his family. In turn, he was loved by all. He left a footprint and a legacy that will carry on forever.

A Celebration of Life is planned for July 21 at 11:00 am at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia. Immediately following, the family would like to invite guests to the Bertellotti home on 186 West J Street for a good 'ol fashioned BBQ, something Al would have loved.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ Alfred E. "Al" Bertellotti

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ One of the most influential men in my life! 45 years of always being there for me if it was ever needed, I will always miss him as he was my Dad even though mine has past many years ago, I've always had a Dad and now that make me sad but Dad will always not be forgotten in my life. One of Dads bird houses out back of my home in Nevada.



Glenn Anderson - July 29, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ We sure will miss seeing Al & Rosie at the 1st St. Pier. My husband knew Al for decades there & I met him in 2018. My husband would give him smoked salmon & he made great dip to share. We talked, laughed, played with Rosie (sometimes we walked her for him), shared Costco biscotti, & enjoyed the company of each other & everyone else along with the beautiful views. It won't be the same without him. Rest in Peace Al. ❤️



Gary & Cindy Sanders - July 25, 2021 at 03:45 PM

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“ *Al always treated me with a smile, respect and kindness. When he sees our friend Tom Higgins, I know they will share great stories together. Your Friend Ted Kirkpatrick*

Ted Kirkpatrick - July 22, 2021 at 10:25 PM



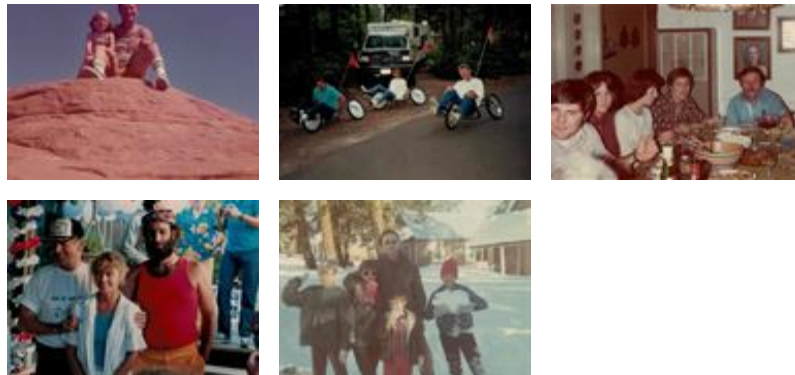
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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - July 20, 2021 at 07:10 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - July 19, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Alfred E. "Al" Bertellotti.



July 17, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Memories to Treasure* was purchased for the family of Alfred E. "Al" Bertellotti.



July 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM

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“*DARLA O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Alfred E. "Al" Bertellotti*



DARLA O'Donnell - July 16, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“*I always could depend to see Al when I had an appointment at the Sanctuary Spa. We would talk about the weather, activities at the schools, politics and on and on. So enjoyed this conversations.*

Leeann Cawley - July 16, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“*Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Alfred E. "Al" Bertellotti.*



July 16, 2021 at 06:56 PM

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“*One of an kind comes to mind when I think of Al.. He was our class president ('52), and through the years when we would meet up it would seem time had stood still as we recalled this and that about Benicia , our mutual friends and family. It was our way of showing that this was our happy place of living and caring for those we loved - but especially that we loved living in Benicia. God speed Al !  
Marie Earp*

Marie Earp - July 16, 2021 at 02:37 PM