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Andrew Siri passed away at 92 in his home with his daughters at his side. He was born in
Dunsmuir, California to Andrew Siri of Vara (Genoa), Italy and Elise Kesseler of San Francisco.
His parents sent him to kindergarten at the age of 4. Even though he was a year younger than
his classmates throughout his schooling, his natural leadership traits began to form, serving him
well throughout his life. He loved growing up in Dunsmuir…fishing, competing on the football
and basketball teams and playing the trumpet in the high school dance band. Playing music is
how he met his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Vera Baccilieri, who played the
piano in the band. He also felt honored to often play echo taps at the cemetery for Dunsmuir
soldiers.
By the age of 12, Andy began working for his dad, a builder, on weekends and in the summer.
He loved construction and after high school pursued his engineering degree

from Heald’s
Engineering in San Francisco. While at school for those two years, he enjoyed the sights and
sounds of living in North Beach with his uncle.
Shortly after he finished college in 1952, he married Vera, both 19 years old. It was a 2-day
honeymoon to Carmel because he had to get back to work with his dad on Monday. They
settled in a house his father built on West I Street in Benicia. Within six months, Andy was
drafted into the Army and proudly served for two years at Fort Ord as a drill sergeant.
After the Army, Andy continued working with his dad under the company name Andrew Siri and
Son until Andrew Sr. retired. Andy soon thereafter incorporated the business to Siri
Construction Co. Vera was his secretary and bookkeeper, overseeing all of the office. They
initially built several homes in Benicia, but transitioned into commercial construction
specializing in schools throughout Solano, Contra Costa, Marin and Yolo counties. He was
always proud of building local, notably Benicia Middle School, Joe Henderson School, the
Chamber of Commerce Building, St. Patrick’s Brothers Residence and St. Dominic’s Parish Hall
as well as retrofitting both St. Paul’s Episcopal and St. Dominic’s Churches.
In 1967 Andy came upon a property on West H Street in Benicia to build his dream home. He
worked weekends building the house which was completed in 1970 and added a dock in 1976.

In 1992, he and Vera went back to their roots and bought a little vacation house in Dunsmuir on
the Sacramento River where they loved to fish and enjoy the community where they met.
While still in his 50s, before closing his business, he had the foresight to convert his
construction yard on Benicia Road into a mini storage; and soon after built a second mini
storage in the Benicia Industrial Park.
Andy served on Benicia Chamber of Commerce, Benicia Planning Commission and Solano
Planning Commission for several years in the 1960s. He was a governor of Benicia's 20-30 Club,

a member of the Virtus Club in Crockett, Benicia Rotary, Native Sons of the Golden West, Sons
of Italy, Benicia Bocce and dancing with Vera at the Moose.
Andy loved hosting parties and was welcoming to anyone entering his home. His and Vera's
home on the Carquinez Strait was always full of fun and laughter. He had a positive outlook; no
matter the circumstance, he made a little fun out of it. Even through his progressing dementia,
he never lost his quick-witted sense of humor nor did he forget to say a thoughtful prayer
before each evening meal. He was tough but fair in business, always honest, kind and
respectful. He cared deeply for his family and was ready to give a helping hand to his friends.
Andy was predeceased by his wife, Vera. He is survived by his daughters

Beverley Borelli (Ron)
and Jeanette Nyland (Greg), his granddaughters Emma Ryder (Richard) and Elise Kimball
(Parker) and his sister Eleanor Brodie (Dave).
Vigil services will be held Tuesday, August 19, 6:00 pm at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. A mass
will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 11:00 am at St. Dominic's Church followed by a burial at
All Souls Cemetery. Please visit the online tribute at: www.
Donations may be made to Cure Alzheimer's Fund www.curealz.org or a charity that is
meaningful to you and Andy.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Catholic Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA

Previous Events

Vigil Service

AUG **19**. 6:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St Dominic's
475 East I Street
Benicia, Ca 97510

Tribute Wall

VA

Victor A. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Andrew "Andy" Siri.

Victor A. - August 23, 2025 at 11:37 AM

HU

Helga U. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Andrew "Andy" Siri.

Helga U. - August 22, 2025 at 07:51 PM

MR

Hi, Siri family, I'm sorry to hear about Andy, my grandmother Florence and Andy were cousins, my grandmother would call in Sunny, I was lucky enough to get to meet him a few times in Dunsmuir while I was helping take care of her, he sure could light up a room, he invite us over to dinner sometimes when they were in town, he would show me around his Dunsmuir property and tell me short stories his life, I looked up to him for his accomplishments, with all he did with this life, my favorite fishing spot was on the other side of the river, I always thought that was so cool, I send my regards to the family, Praying for you all,

Michael Ramirez - August 18, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LS

Leo and Ezio Siri purchased the Sentiments of S erenity Spray for the family of Andrew "Andy" Siri.

Leo and Ezio Siri - August 18, 2025 at 12:51 PM

AS

Aurelio S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Andrew "Andy" Siri.

Aurelio S. - August 18, 2025 at 12:38 PM

RP

Andy was a fine man and contributed much to the community over the years. He was often called on when his construction expertise was needed for various projects, including several when I came to know him as a member of the Rotary Club of Benicia. His smile said it all.

Reg Page

Reg Page - August 17, 2025 at 01:54 PM

TF

The McInerney Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Andrew "Andy" Siri.

The McInerney Family - August 15, 2025 at 01:13 PM

TF

The McInerney Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Andrew "Andy" Siri.

The McInerney Family - August 15, 2025 at 01:13 PM

MD

During the time when you could actually count the threads of the fabric in our Benicia community you could identify the Siri's as part of it.

Andy and Vera are sorely missed, hats off and hearts out to their daughters Bev and Jeanette for their loving care.

Martin E Duvall - August 14, 2025 at 06:29 PM

Andy was a good friend to our family. I will always cherish the stories of love, kindness and friendship my parents and grandparents, Joe and Sandy Fernandes shared with me about Andy. Diane Curran Warring

Diane Warring - August 14, 2025 at 09:44 AM

HF

He will be missed! The Skidmore Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Andrew "Andy" Siri.

He will be missed! The Skidmore Family - August 13, 2025 at 10:08 PM

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