



Bill Gianulis

September 5, 1954 - February 8, 2022

Master artist and friend to all, Bill Gianulis died on February 8, 2022, after fighting a hard battle with pancreatic cancer. Bill had a lifelong career as a creative artist, including works in painting, public sculpture, furniture design, clothing design, performance art, and other mediums. His most famous works were the buffalo sculptures on Denver's 16th Street Mall and the Swiggles playground in Arvada, CO. In Benicia, he was heavily involved with the arts community and he had his art displayed in several locations. He also painted several light boxes and the park bench near the library. More information on Bill's artistic career along with examples of his work can be found at his website: www.giandesigns.com.

He led a full, rich, and productive life with countless friends and family. He was creative in all aspects of his life and was also a great cook. He loved nothing more than to have a big group of family and friends over so he could cook big elaborate meals for them. Benicia had been his home for 7 years and he loved living here. In that time, he made many friends with his optimism and welcoming smile. He will always be remembered for his kindness. He loved the game of bocce and had become a star player in the league in the last few years.

Bill is survived by his son, William Gianulis; his partner in life Susie Clark; and his siblings Barbara Gianulis and Brad Gianulis. His dog Yoshi and cats Athena and Aphrodite will also miss their Papa. Many thanks to cousins Andy Karozos, and Mary and Mark Naylor for their assistance and support in his

last month of life. Bill was a beautiful soul and will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

There will be a Zoom memorial in the coming weeks. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Hospice East Bay, Arts Benicia, or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Tribute Wall

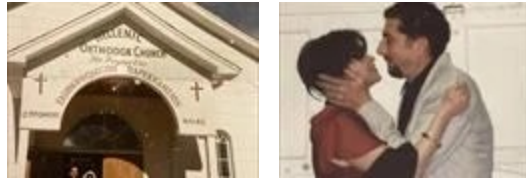


“ *Bill Gianulis*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Beko Gian - June 23, 2022 at 12:07 PM

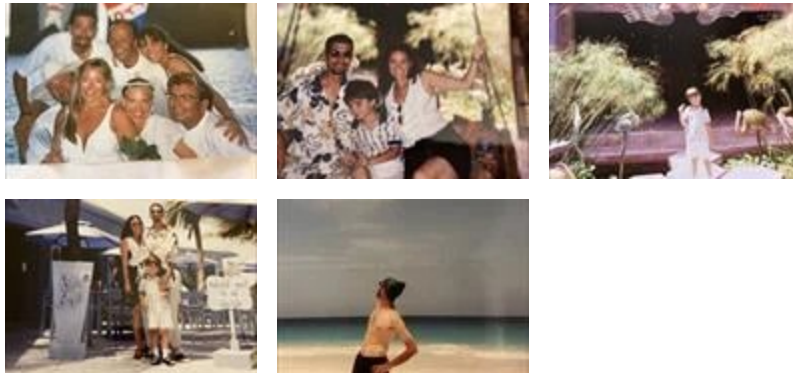


I am Bill Gian.'s widow, we were together 26 years, 17 married. We produced a beautiful boy named William Robert Scott Gianulis. I am his only marriage and we share his only child. His "life partner" was sugar mama, which I'm glad so he didn't work he only painted. I was his right hand and worked so hard to build Bill's and my business. Some of the Greeks Princess Barb and princess Brad would like to erase me from his life, for what? I only gave all that I could give and now have a lifelong injury working with Bill in the steel shop. Anyway I was crew Mama on squiggles and always feeding the men, whatever needed to be done I did it! With a baby on my back. We had decades together living in Manhattan before Will. I painted tshirts for the Guggenheim and Denver Art Museum. I have many more pics to share. Barb used to call me princess, running joke. Hahaha

Rebecca Gianulis - May 02 at 03:42 AM

BG

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Beko Gian. - June 23, 2022 at 11:48 AM

BG

“ You will always be my husband and Will will always be our son. I'll see you in heaven my dear Bill.

Beko Gian. - June 22, 2022 at 04:54 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Bryan S. Smith - February 22, 2022 at 05:37 PM

BS

I took Bill and William on a day trip to Yosemite. It was a beautiful day. I had many 'beautiful' days in Bill's company.

Bryan Smith - February 23, 2022 at 09:54 AM

FW

“ *Bill was good friend. I am surrounded by his artwork, so he will be in my heart forever. We shared so many experiences off and on for the past 30 years. My thoughts are with his family and friends.*



Francine Welch-Laux - February 18, 2022 at 09:00 AM

FW

“ *Francine Welch-Laux lit a candle in memory of Bill Gianulis*



Francine Welch-Laux - February 18, 2022 at 08:49 AM

DP

“ *Dear Susan, William, Barbara and Brad,*

*The Prodromides family is saddened to learn of Bill's passing.
He was such a beautiful person with a gentle soul and a kind heart.
He is in a better place now.
He has left us his bountiful treasure of beautiful art.
We will always remember his kindness, humor and gentle ways.
We will never forget him.*

The Prodromides Family

Dean Prod - February 16, 2022 at 09:47 PM

CM

“ Susan, William, Barbara and Brad,
We send you our heartfelt love and sympathy at this sorrowful time of loss. We all bonded growing up with many gatherings in Fairpoint and the brief time I lived in Memphis while Aunt Bess and Uncle Ben lived there. Seeing Bill's incredible creative expressions and the endearing kindness and compassion in how he lived his life leave a beautiful legacy for us all to cherish.
Know that Bill remains forever holy, eternal, and free, at peace now forever in the heart of God. It is for us all to take comfort in knowing he walks with God with his dear memory upon our hearts.
Love and Blessings, Cousins Chris and George Morris

Chris Morris - February 16, 2022 at 09:03 PM

TS

“ Bill was one of the most generous and gentle persons I have ever had the honor to work with. His support of public art helped launch a number great pieces around the city that will serve in some as a legacy of his commitment to our community. May he Rest In Peace. Our deepest condolences to bills family.

terry scott - February 16, 2022 at 02:25 AM

TP

“ Συλλυπητήρια

Heartfelt condolences from Tom Pappas back in Ohio. My father was Uncle Gus Pappas, brother to Bill's mom, Aunt Bess.

I'm transported back now with such fond remembrances of the times that we used to be all together at family reunions, of just enjoying each other's company, of playfully donning Bill's modern art t-shirts — themselves loving images of both the diversity amongst us and the strong family tie that bound us together.

I'm saddened at this news of Bill's passing, but I'm also humbled and grateful for this opportunity to reflect as I gaze again at Bill's incredible art — encouraging me even now to learn to live more fearlessly, artfully, and lovingly as I seek to grow up into all that I believe Christ would have uniquely for each of us in this life and the next.

*Ο Θεός να είναι κοντά σας.
God be near you.*

*Love,
Cousin Tom*

Tom Pappas - February 15, 2022 at 10:53 AM

FG

“ Susan, William, Barb and Brad,

We are very sorry for your loss. He was such a kind and gentle man. I will pray for the blessed repose of his soul in a place where there is no pain, no sorry, and no mourning. May he rise again with our Lord Christ Jesus in His Kingdom.

Fr. Milton and Connie Gianulis - February 15, 2022 at 08:45 AM

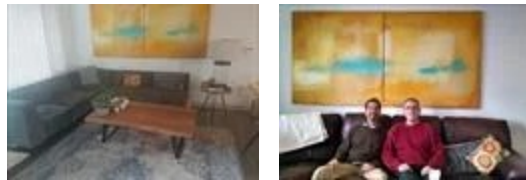
JK

“ *Sending our heartfelt condolences. Billy is gone much too soon but with a lasting legacy in places, hearts & homes around this world.*

His passing leaves us so very sad & empty, but content that he is pain free & reunited with other loved ones. So happy our Moms were sisters & that we got together & grew up closer than most.

Here is a picture of his great work that is in our living room.

May he rest peacefully & May his memory, like his wonderful art, be eternal. So sorry for your loss.



Jim Karozos - February 14, 2022 at 05:48 PM

JC

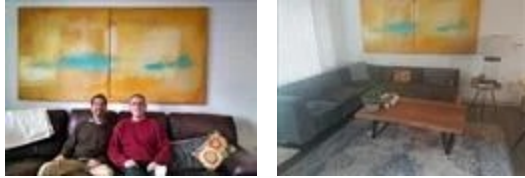
“ *Barbara, Brad, William & Susan -*

So sorry for your loss. We were very fortunate that our Moms were sisters & got to enjoy time together growing up.

Bill's gift for creating art was unique & thoroughly enjoyed by all. Including a photo of me & Billy with the pieces he made that adorn our living room.

May Bill's memory, like his art, be eternal.

Love, Jim & Amy Karozos and family



Jim Karozos, cousin - February 14, 2022 at 01:18 PM