



## Charles "Charlie" Alves

October 13, 1937 - April 1, 2017

Charlie Alves, 79, a native and lifelong resident of Benicia passed April 1st in a local hospital. He was a 5th generation Benician and graduate of Benicia High School in 1955. Charlie worked as a butcher for almost 14 years at the former Park & Shop market in Benicia before changing careers. He attended Laney Beauty College in Oakland and then opened Chez Charles, a hair salon on First Street in 1966. He moved the salon to his house in 1996 and continued working up until his passing. He has been the hairdresser at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel and Twin Chapels Mortuary for more than 40 years.

Charlie loved traveling the world and had been on over 50 cruises. Charlie loved his parties, including his annual open house at the Peddlers Fair. He was a gourmet cook and bartender, an astute businessman and always enjoyed a lively discussion of the political scene here in town as well as on the national level. Charlie was the Grand Marshall of the Benicia Torchlight Parade in 2008.

Charlie is survived by his son Dominic, his adorable dog Bacall and a host of dear, longtime friends both at home and abroad. He will be missed by all who had the chance to know him. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents Almyr & Lillian Alves and his brother Tommy Alves.

A Vigil service will be held 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 21st at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia. Burial will be private at St. Dominic's Cemetery. A celebration of life party to be announced at a later date. Family prefers donations to the Benicia Library.

# Previous Events

## Vigil

APR **21**. 4:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Charlie" Alves

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM

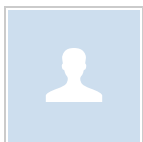


“ I am truly so sad, shocked & devastated to learn of Charlie's passing & my deepest & sincerest condolences to his family & friends!

*Charlie was & has been a very long-time friend for decades to myself & my family & he was my Father's best & closest friend dating back to their elementary school days & until my father passed away almost 40yrs ago when I was very young/little so he has always held a very special place in my heart/mind! He was such a character & so much fun & I truly enjoyed & LOVED his stories more than words can describe!!! He truly was such a wealth of information for me when I wanted to discuss & learn more about my father & for that alone I will be eternally grateful to him!*

*I know he's resting in peace now w/ my father & I truly will miss him more than words can describe! I will miss you immensely Charlie & R.I.P. my friend!*

**Cory 'Charles' Cline** - July 11, 2017 at 04:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Alves.



April 21, 2017 at 10:33 AM



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April 18, 2017 at 06:20 PM



“ *I shall keep your secrets safe until we meet again. Thanks for seventy years of friendship and many adventures. Till we meet again,  
Uncle Charlie ... Aunt Patty*

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**patty long galvan** - April 18, 2017 at 01:24 AM



“ *Dear Family,  
I just now heard that Charlie passed away. I must say I was rather shocked. I wanted to talk with him about the history here in Benicia as I work at the Benicia Historical Museum. We are always looking to people who have lived here most of their lives and gathering what we can of their personal history and what they know about Benicia.*

*Condolences to the family of a truly interesting and fun guy.*

*Beverly Phelan, Curator  
Benicia Historical Museum*

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**Beverly Phelan** - April 14, 2017 at 04:56 PM

KD

“ *The stars won't be as bright with Charlie gone, but Charlie's laughter will always ring in my ear and tickle my heart. Thank you, Charlie, for sharing your life with me. We did have some grand times together, and I always left your place with a bounce in my step.*

*Rest in peace, dear friend, Kimi and David Dowell*

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**kimiyo dowell** - April 13, 2017 at 12:26 PM

MA

“ *My commute is much longer now... without our daily conversations. We talked endlessly about your 80th birthday party scheduled for October 2017. There was not a month that would go by without the loss of one of your friends, clients or schoolmates and this weighed heavily on you. You often marveled at what an amazing life you had lived and how incredible it was that you had lived this long. Then mercifully, one day you were here and the next day you were gone. The richness of our friendship will last a very long time as I cherish many close friends as a result of knowing you. During our 15 years of friendship you have had a major impact on my life ... my life is much better having had you part of it. With a heavy heart .... I say goodbye for now.... let the many wonderful people who have gone before you enjoy your craziness, laughter and wit once again. Until we meet again..... with much love, Michael*



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**Michael Allen** - April 11, 2017 at 05:18 PM

AP

“ You will be missed, our sincere condolences to the family.

*Ron and Ann Pearman*



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**Ann & Ron Pearman** - April 10, 2017 at 11:39 AM

BS

“ Charlie was a special guy - fun, creative and unique. We will miss our regular conversations and his sense of humor. Peace and good health to wherever you travel next, Charlie!

*Judi & Bob Surratt*

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**Bob & Judi Surratt** - April 09, 2017 at 06:17 PM

AA

“ CHARLIE, YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE WHEN WE NEEDED YOU MOST. YOU WERE OUR SOUNDING BOARD WHEN WE NEEDED YOUR ADVICE AND OPINION. YOU WERE A GREAT TRAVELING COMPANION. WHEN LORRAINE DIED YOU GAVE ME COMFORT AND COMPASSION. YOU WERE A GREAT FRIEND AND WE WILL MISS YOU MORE THAN ANYONE WILL EVER KNOW. LOVINGLY, IRENE AND AL

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**AL ANGEL** - April 09, 2017 at 05:56 PM

BM

“ Bob & Maria lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Alves



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**Bob & Maria** - April 09, 2017 at 03:04 PM

Janice Rodillas

“ 1 file added to the album charlie through the years



Janice Rodillas - April 08, 2017 at 07:03 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album charlie through the years



Jan Rodillas - April 08, 2017 at 07:01 PM

JR

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Jan Rodillas - April 08, 2017 at 07:00 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the album *Charlie through the years*



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**Jan Rodillas** - April 08, 2017 at 06:58 PM

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**Jan Rodillas** - April 08, 2017 at 06:57 PM

JR

“ *Charlie was my "everyday".. We stood next to each other for over 22 years behind the chair doing hair. He taught me alot. I appreciate him because he shaped me into the hairdresser I became. I have lots of Charlie stories. He was a character. He loved Benicia and all his friends since High School. He will be missed. Love you and miss you, you ol' fart.*

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**Jan Rodillas** - April 08, 2017 at 06:56 PM

SA

“ *"Charlie was a generous soul with a quick witt, who enjoyed a good laugh. He will be missed."*

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**Stella & Tom Allen** - April 07, 2017 at 07:29 PM

CK

“ Rest In Peace Charlie



Carol King - April 07, 2017 at 04:35 PM

JV

“ charlie was a great father ,son and brother he will be missed.

john vogelpohl - April 05, 2017 at 04:00 PM

PT

“ Laughter when I remember Charlie I remember how much we laughed. If ever I see lime green jello I can't help but remember one slime ball story of Charlie crossing a street in Puerto Vallarta his pants falling to the ground and 15 boxes of lime green jello tumbling out. You've got to love it. Charlie was kind he was generous he loved Benicia and he loved his friends We loved you back Charlie you were special Thank you for your friendship pat and Noah Tafolla

pat tafolla - April 05, 2017 at 02:21 AM

JR

I have heard the green jello story this week. twice now. He was something else.  
you guys did have some good times

Jan Rodillas - April 08, 2017 at 06:34 PM

JR

miss you already you old fart.

Jan Rodillas - April 08, 2017 at 06:35 PM

JR

*The first time I met Charlie he became my friend. I was taking Dancing lessons from Rodger, who used to room with Charlie and he recommended Charlie as I was new to Benicia and needed a hairdresser. We were lucky to have him as a friend Bon Voyage Charlie!!*

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**Joanne G Rosenthal** - April 11, 2017 at 12:37 PM

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*There must be a big "Charlie" Bash going on in the heavens...and I know it will be a terrific party!!! Peggy Scott*

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**Peggy Scott** - April 11, 2017 at 04:22 PM