



## Craig W. Nelson

April 30, 1954 - February 2, 2024

Craig W. Nelson, 69, of Benicia passed away Friday, February 2nd at his home in Benicia. He was a native of Queens, New York and graduated as valedictorian in 1972 from Florida Air Academy. He attended New York University on a full scholarship and graduated with a bachelors degree in 1976. While living in San Francisco he started ABC Tutoring, offering tutoring services to junior and high school students. He worked as a computer technology instructor at Lawrence Livermore Lab and computer technology department at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

He spent time traveling in the United States and Canada for Sitecore, teaching the computer operating system in corporate settings. Finally, he started the Inside Corner, the web development company, which he owned and operated for approximately 15 years.

He met his wife Jo on a tennis court in San Francisco. They married a year and a half later on December 6, 1987 in San Francisco at the Swedenborgian Church. They spent their honeymoon in Vancouver and Whistler, always a special place thereafter. Not cut out for retirement, he took a job as volunteer coordinator at Jameson Humane, an animal sanctuary and rescue in Napa. His love for animals made this job a perfect fit and the special people at Jameson made it feel like a second home.

Craig was a lifelong animal lover, and together with his wife they have had four boxers and five cats. Bradley is the surviving boxer. His hobbies include a lifelong interest in flying. He took lessons at Buchanan Field Airport in

Concord, and completed his solo flight. Craig loved gardening and had many projects at his home with his wife. He was also somewhat of a foodie. He loved eating out and taking multiple day trips to the wine country and beyond. He is survived by his wife Jo, his brother Drake Nelson and his wife Lynie and numerous cousins in New York & Florida.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 27th at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Family prefers donations to Jameson Humane, [www.jamesonanimalresueranch.org](http://www.jamesonanimalresueranch.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

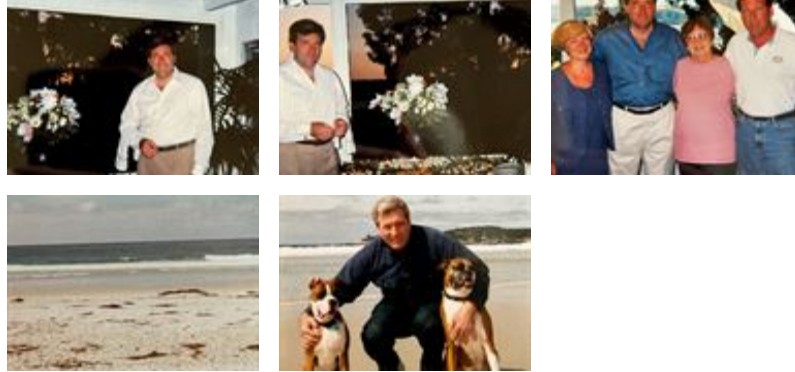
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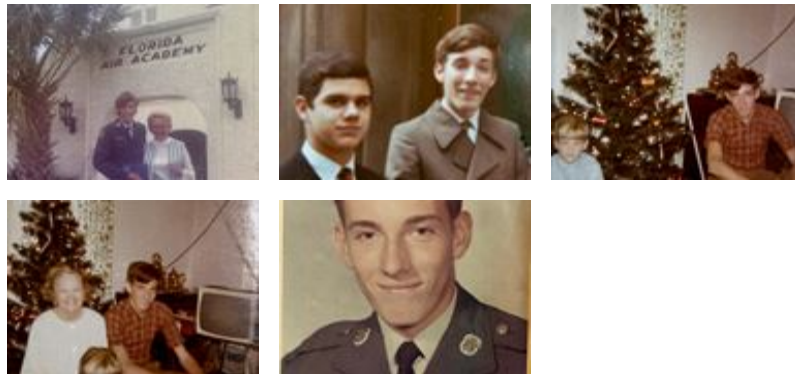


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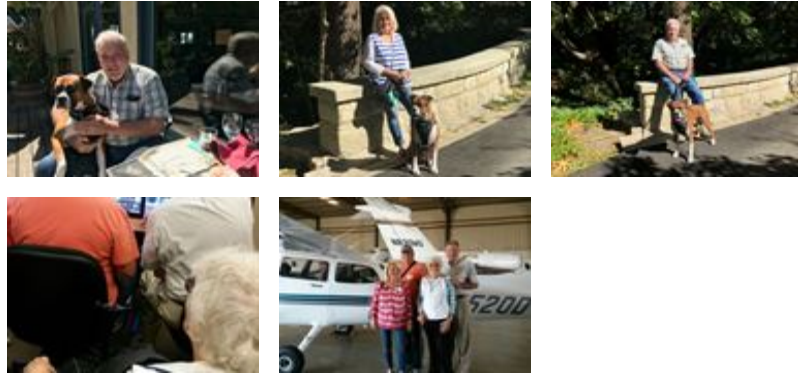


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“ Craig made a significant contribution to the Desktop Support and Help Desk at Lawrence Berkeley Lab. He was an outstanding instructor who had the technical expertise and ability to communicate advanced concepts to a large number of staff members. As an individual contributor on many projects, he earned a reputation as an extremely dedicated and hard working co-worker.

*He was a valued friend who will be missed by many. I was so very sad to hear of his passing and wish the best for Jo and his family.*

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**Charlie Verboom** - February 26, 2024 at 06:42 PM