



Donald Paul Borges

November 29, 1955 - September 26, 2025

Donald Paul Borges, a lifelong resident of the Vallejo–Benicia area, passed away peacefully at his home on Lake Herman Road in Benicia on September 26, 2025, after a long illness. He was 69 years old.

Born to Manual and Patricia Borges. brother Kenneth Borges (deceased)

Donald was born on November 29, 1955, in Vallejo, California. He graduated from Vallejo High School with the Class of 1973. He went on to work as a pipe fitter and welder for more than 25 years and was a proud member of Local 342 of the Pipe Fitters Union. His career included years working out of Mare Island as well as traveling for jobs throughout Oregon and Washington.

A devoted Raiders fan, Donald also enjoyed riding his Harley and, in later years, found great joy in working on the family ranch. He especially loved operating the equipment and tending to projects around the property. He was also a proud member of the SCDES Society of Vallejo and cherished his hiking trips thru Yosemite National Park.

Donald is survived by his sisters, Noreen Buller and Kerry Borges (Mark Thompson); his brother, Manuel Thomas Borges Jr. (Martha); his grandchildren, Devin and Kaylan Bishop and his longtime partner Dru Herren. Don was preceded in death by his brother Kenneth Borges. He will be remembered with love by his extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel on Monday, October 6, 2025, beginning at 12:00 p.m., followed by a vigil service at 5:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at St. Basil's Catholic Church, 1200 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. Burial will follow at St. Vincent's Cemetery in Vallejo.

Previous Events

Vigil Service

OCT **6**. 5:00 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

OCT **7**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Basil's Church
1200 Tuolumne Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Tribute Wall

AH

“ RIP Big Don!



April Henderson - October 06, 2025 at 09:51 PM

SH

“ Scott and Mary Hyland purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Paul Borges.



Scott and Mary Hyland - October 05, 2025 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ Jeff and Christine Mini purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donald Paul Borges.



Jeff and Christine Mini - October 04, 2025 at 10:27 AM

JF

“ Jan and the Doninelli Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Donald Paul Borges.



Jan and the Doninelli Family - September 29, 2025 at 01:07 PM

JF

“ *Jan and the Doninelli Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Paul Borges.*

Jan and the Doninelli Family - September 29, 2025 at 01:07 PM

TF

“ Dearest brother Don, Cherishing the many good times we shared through the years 🙏 I will always remember your kindness your laugh and gentle heart ❤️ and how special you made me feel when you always address me calling me Paulie... I remember a lot of us back in the ole school days use to say your were a man amongst boys with your Elvis Presley side Burns... All the stories back in the day when we're playing baseball ⚾ the word was out if you made it to 1st base and MR Don Borges was catching behind home plate don't dare try stealing a base because they all knew your rifle arm would throw them out... The great time and Memories in 2023 when you gathered a few of your many friends and we had breakfast 😊 at Mark and Kerry's home 🏠 and then gathering at the man cave and Dru and you orchestrated the task of replacing the large man cave tarp which was a large undertaking, at lunchtime Your Sister brought us food and water melon 🍉 it surely was a special time how everybody teamed up to process the Task at hand off, the wind didn't help... I always admired all of the equipment you have and how good you could operate this equipment simply amazing... I had the pleasure of working with you on your man cave and equipment, one job you redesigned a forklift attachment for picking up hay bails and stacking them safely... I always took notice how your sister and you were truly a fine team at keeping the ranch in check... Thank you Don / Dru and Mark / Kerry for all the kindness and Awesome times and blessings throughout the years, and brother Don thank you 🙏 thank you for you being you, We “ALL” Love you Don for nothing loved is ever lost, thank you GOD for the power of LOVE ❤️ AMEN 🙏 Holding you close brother Don in thoughts and prayers as we walk together upon the new day...

The Paul Scola Family - September 29, 2025 at 11:11 AM

NR

“ God bless you, Don. Put your arm around your lil bro say everything ok now. Don/Kim took me in before they divorced (made me sad). Anyway, bright side smile. I was Don's pipefitter sometimes he welds i fit. We lived Fairfax Ct. like LV what goes there stay there lol. His pops Manuel (we called each Paisan and played back forth) would cruise Fairfax 3am hear load diesel short court never fail Sunday am. Me/Don up no good old man jealous like me now lol I see you Heaven probably sooner later Nicky

Nick Razes - September 29, 2025 at 12:24 AM

AN

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Will always remember his special laugh. He was always upbeat and positive. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Art and Mary Narverud

Art Narverud - September 28, 2025 at 07:51 PM

AA

“ Today I remember a friend who lived life with adventure in their heart. He found joy in traveling whether it was exploring the trails on a hike in Hawaii, or overlooking Kilauea in a helicopter , or making memories in Reno.

He loved the freedom of the open road on a Harley trip and a simple piece of horseback riding under the wide skies of Point Reyes, each moment showed his love for life , laughter, and the people who shared his journey with Him .

I will carry these memories with me always, and every time I see a trail , a wide horizon or the roar of Harley we can think of him. Love Ya



Antonette Gukan Arruda - September 27, 2025 at 09:00 PM