



Donald Joseph Larkin

February 4, 1937 - August 9, 2021

Donald Joseph Larkin (Don) died in Benicia, CA on August 9th, 2021 surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness. He was 84 years old.

Don was born in Seattle, WA. He was predeceased by his parents Beth and Don Larkin and son, Kevin Paul. He attended O'Dea High School and he earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Seattle University.

In 1959, he married Marilyn Jean Peterson of Auburn, WA. Don and Marilyn moved thirteen times during his long career and eventually settled in Benicia, CA, where they lived for the past forty years.

Don had a very successful career as both a professionally licensed Nuclear and Chemical Engineer in California and in Washington State.

As accomplished as Don was at work, he will always be known for his one true passion, his family. Don lived the quote, "One of the greatest things a father can do for his children is to love their mother." He loved Marilyn and they had a wonderful sixty-two year love affair.

Don had an unending reserve of energy that he devoted to his six children. Don was always there for his children, whether as a coach (seventeen years of youth sports), at family dinners, reading stories at bedtime, or encouraging

them to pursue their passions. He was a positive, present, and caring force in his children's lives until his last day.

After retiring from Exxon, Don and Marilyn were ready to travel around the world. Travel they did, visiting fifty countries and territories. They also spent much of their time visiting their children and grandchildren scattered across the country.

Don was a great friend, golf partner, and always had a warm smile for all. He enjoyed a good laugh and organizing fun activities for his kids, grandkids, and friends. Don was a man of faith and a forty-year member of Saint Dominic's Parish in Benicia.

Don is survived by his loving wife Marilyn, children Patrick (Mennette), Erin Foster (Bill), Colin (Denise), Ian (Nora), Duncan (Erin), and Christopher. He adored and cherished his seventeen grandchildren and wonderful extended family.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, Benicia followed by a Vigil service at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 a.m Friday at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia. Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM (PT)

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

Vigil services

AUG 12. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church
475 E I St
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 747-7220

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Joseph Larkin*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Don Larkin was a friend of mine - highly intelligent, full of humor. We shared many interests, including love of history.*

Bill Westbrook.

William Westbrook - September 08, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Don was a very fine man. It was a pleasure to know and to work with him.*

Reg Page

Reg Page - August 20, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Carolyn (Everett), and Bette (Eliza) purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.*



Carolyn (Everett), and Bette (Eliza) - August 13, 2021 at 12:25 AM

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“ Love, Kelle & Mark Davis purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



Love, Kelle & Mark Davis - August 12, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



August 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - August 11, 2021 at 07:47 PM



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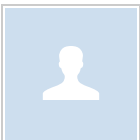
Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - August 11, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



August 11, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



August 11, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



August 11, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *Mike Larkin* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



Mike Larkin - August 11, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket* was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



August 11, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Larkin.



August 11, 2021 at 03:40 AM

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“ *I remember when Don had his surgery and my husband went to help his family..so his wife could be with him in the Oakland hospital..God rest his soul..he was a great father*

gayle peterson - August 11, 2021 at 02:24 AM