



## Donald D. Passalacqua

August 23, 1928 - August 25, 2014

Donald D. Passalacqua, of Benicia passed away Monday in a local hospital following a brief illness. He was born in Vallejo but lived his entire life in Benicia. He graduated from Benicia High School in 1946 and was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean War.

Don worked as a Milkman for Red Top Dairy in Vallejo for several years in the late 50's. He graduated from San Francisco College of Mortuary Science and took over the family business, Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, from his father Frank Passalacqua in 1962. In 1974, he purchased Twin Chapels Mortuary on Tennessee Street in Vallejo from the McDonald Family. He was a licensed Funeral Director & Embalmer for almost 30 years before retiring in 1991.

He enjoyed duck hunting, golfing, playing bocce ball and hanging with his old cronies. He was a member and former President of Benicia Unified School District, member of California Funeral Directors Association and the Redwood Empire Funeral Directors and many other organizations including the Sons of Italy, Virgilio Lodge #1586; Native Sons of the Golden West #89; Vallejo Elks Lodge #559; Vallejo Moose Lodge #486; SIRS; Knights of Pythias; improved Order of Red Men; American Legion Post 101; V.F.W. #3928; and St. Dominic's Church. He enjoyed his weekly breakfast group, he liked to play golf with his Wednesday morning buddies, was an avid 49ers fan and very proud of his Italian heritage.

Don is survived by his sons David (Kristine) Passalacqua and John "Sherman" (Colette) Passalacqua; sisters Beverly Torpey, Betty Ann (Bob) Hake and Joan (Dean) Collins; his grandchildren Jennifer, Nico, Seve & Mia Passalacqua and his dear friend and longtime companion Regina Watson. He was preceded in death by his wife Mildred in 2007.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10-1:00 at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee Street, Vallejo and Thursday from 2-6 p.m. at Passalacqua funeral Chapel, 901 West Second Street, Benicia. Vigil services will be held 7:00 p.m. Thursday at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday at St. Dominic's Church. Burial will follow at St. Dominic's Cemetery. Family prefers donations to St. Dominic's Church or the Native Sons of the Golden West, c/o John Galvan, 1518 London Circle, Benicia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald D. Passalacqua*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Kathleen Caballero lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Passalacqua*



**Kathleen Caballero** - April 16, 2015 at 12:01 AM



“ *Donnie lived a long and healthy life. His home was always filled with family and friends on all the holidays. He reminds me of a roasted marshmallow.....a little hard and crusty on the outside.....mushy and sweet on the inside. I know he's filled with absolute, abundant joy now, being in the presence of our Lord Jesus and loved ones. This place won't be the same without you Don. Tom & Deb*

**Deborah White** - August 29, 2014 at 12:41 AM



“ *Passalacqua family has lost their leader and a dearly loved family member, Benicians have lost their dear friend, Benicia has lost one of its finest, caring, kind, wonderful citizens who will always be remembered.. May God give to all peace & strength in this time of grief and the days ahead without his presence. Rest In Peace Don*



**Carol King** - August 28, 2014 at 08:38 PM

ME

“ There are so many memories of this man and his family in our lives. The friendships, classmates, reunions, SIRS trips and my personal experience working so closely with Don over the years with St. Dominic's Cemetery and all things 'historical'! God speed Don---and give our love to all those who have gone before us. Our love and sympathy to all Don's family and friends.....  
Bill and Marie Earp

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**Marie Earp** - August 28, 2014 at 05:26 PM

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“ Dear John and Family:

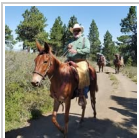
*I am saddened to hear the news of Don's passing. Always very kind, outgoing and congenial. I always enjoyed our chats in the funeral home circles and seeing Don at the Son's of Italy dinners in Vallejo. He and your Mom were truly wonderful people. I pray for your Dad's speedy entrance in to the heaven's where once again he's reunited with Millie and those who have gone before him.*

*Love and God Bless,*

*Steven J. "Steve" Nadeau, Former Owner  
Nadeau Family Funeral Home  
Vacaville, California*

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**Steve Nadeau** - August 28, 2014 at 09:41 AM



“ I began my funeral career as an apprentice under Don when he and my father purchased Twin Chapels in 1975. He was a good man and I always think back at how I tested his patience, which did have a limit.

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**Tom Lucier** - August 27, 2014 at 06:36 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Donald D. Passalacqua.*



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August 27, 2014 at 03:34 PM



“ *Passalacqua Family*

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. We are saddened by your loss Don was a good person and will be missed by all who knew him*

*Dennis & Sue Gard*

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**Dennis** - August 26, 2014 at 09:55 PM



“ *John, Meagan, Matt, Mike, and Mark Donahue purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald D. Passalacqua.*



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**John, Meagan, Matt, Mike, and Mark Donahue** - August 26, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ *John and family, So sorry to hear about your dad. Please know you are in our thoughts and our hearts.*

*Love, Rose Ann (Miller) McCaslin and family*

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**Rose Ann (Miller) McCaslin** - August 26, 2014 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Larry Wagner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald D. Passalacqua.*



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**Larry Wagner** - August 26, 2014 at 12:14 PM