



Everett E. "Sam" French

July 13, 1927 - October 28, 2019

Everett Earl "Sam" French passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his children on the morning of Oct. 28, 2019.

Sam was born on July 13, 1927 in Vernon Township, Iowa, the son of Esther and William French. He was one of 9 children growing up on the family farm before moving to Concord Ca. in 1942. He graduated from Mt. Diablo High School and attended UOP prior to serving in the Korean war & Merchant Marines in the South Pacific. In 1950 Sam married Berniece Christianson and settled in Concord for the next 19 Years.

Sam was a 50-year resident of Benicia and one of the first to settle in the Southampton development. He was in real estate for 40 years, having offices in Concord, Benicia, Vallejo, American Canyon, Fairfield & South Lake Tahoe. Following his career in Real Estate, he took on a new challenge in business development for PetroChem Insulation. 20 years later, Sam finally retired in his 80's.

Sam was enthusiastic about public service. He was a founding member of the American Canyon Lions Club. He was also a member of the Moose, Elks, Junior Chamber of Commerce in Concord, City of Hope, Sons of Norway, SIRS, Good Guys & the Benicia Yacht Club. He was also a dedicated blood donor into his 90's. He was very active in his senior years. He enjoyed the Oakland Symphony, Theater, Bocce Ball, dominos, golf, all sports and loved to dance. He also snow skied, ran in the Bay to Breakers and roller skated into his 80's. Sam was a devoted Christian and a founding member of The New

Harbor Community Church in Benicia.

Sam was preceded in death by his wife Berniece and youngest son Bruce & Granddaughter Stacey Etcheber. Sam is survived by 2 sisters; Ruth Gustafson of Redding & Virginia Leiser of Martinez; his children Doran French of West Lafayette, Indiana; Linda & Greg French-Rodrigues of Redding Ca; Gary & Jackie French of Green Valley Ca; 4 grandchildren & 8 great grandchildren. He loved his Family with all his heart. He attended & supported all activities of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren whether it be sports, theater or musical performances.

He never met a stranger, and found good in everyone he met. He was much loved and will be greatly missed.

Viewing is at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel on Thursday Nov. 7th 4:00-7:00.

Funeral service is Friday Nov.8th at 11:00 at Northgate Christian Fellowship Church, 2201 Lake Herman road, Benicia, CA 94510. Burial with Military Honors will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Services

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

Northgate Christian Fellowship Church
2201 Lake Herman Rd
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 747-5855

Tribute Wall



“ Everett E. "Sam" French

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ The American Canyon Lion's Club purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Everett E. "Sam" French.



The American Canyon Lion's Club - November 06, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Everett E. "Sam" French.



November 06, 2019 at 08:10 AM



“ Sam sold us our home on Ardmore Way in 1972. We gained the French family as neighbors in the deal. Berniece served as the neighborhood grandma to our children as they grew up there. The Ring family will never forget Sam for the friendly, kind and gentle man that he was.

Jim & Barb Ring - November 04, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Everett E. "Sam" French.*



November 03, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ *Always a warm hug and a wonderful smile. SAM was a great listener and was always kind. SAM will be missed always my condolences to the French family*

Charlene Dinsdale - November 03, 2019 at 10:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Everett E. "Sam" French.*



November 03, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ *We have wonderful memories of Sam. There were the ski trips as well as other fun times. He was so kind, knowledgeable and interesting to know. He will be greatly missed. Rogene, Eric and Adam Hunzeker*

Rogene Hunzeker - November 01, 2019 at 01:42 PM

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“ We could t have s sweeter, kinder neighbor then Sam. He welcomed us to Benicia 20 years ago so warmly. I'll miss his morning wave to me and our sidewalk chitchats while he watered his roses.



Desiree Dillon - October 31, 2019 at 10:01 AM

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We used to be Sam's neighbor. He was always warm and kind to all of us. Our children were always welcome in his yard to enjoy the fruit trees. Every February we enjoyed the abundance of tangelos. Sam, you will be missed! ♡♡

Joke Jolivette - November 01, 2019 at 06:09 PM

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I met Sam early in 1964 when he sold us our first home in Vallejo. I started working in Sams real estate office in Larkin Plaza late 1964. I worked as a Real Estate agent for Sam until 1971. I used to tease him, saying "he could sell ice in Alaska." I feel so blessed to have known this sweet, kind, compassionate and caring man for all these years. We will miss you Sam...
Pat & Doug Valine

pat valine - November 04, 2019 at 11:44 AM