



## Francis Senan Kennedy

September 14, 1954 - December 14, 2025

Francis Senan Kennedy Jr., beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, was born on September 14, 1954, in San Antonio, Texas. The family then moved to Chateauroux, France followed by Moses Lake, WA before settling in Riverside, California in 1961. In 1995, Senan made his family's new home new home in Benicia, CA where he lived for the past 30 years. To friends and family, he went by his middle name, Senan.

Senan earned his bachelor's degree and dedicated more than 39 years of service with AT&T, eventually retiring as a network engineer. Known for his strong work ethic and reliability, he took great pride in his career and was respected by colleagues throughout his long professional life.

Senan honorably served his country in the United States Navy from 1975 to 1979.

A man of deep interests, Senan was a devoted history buff, particularly fascinated with studying military history and World War II. He enacted this passion through volunteer work aimed at honoring Benicia's military veterans. He organized the veterans' section of the July 3rd Torchlight Parade in which veterans, chauffeured in real WWII jeeps, marched in the parade. He also orchestrated color guard rifle salutes on Memorial Day to honor deceased veterans in Benicia's military cemetery, and served on the board of directors for the Benicia Historical Museum, also known as the Camel Barn.

Senan also loved classic cowboy movies, was a lifelong fan of rock and roll (especially The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Frank Zappa and other, more obscure

artists,) and was an avid motorcycle rider who loved Triumph and Harley Davidson bikes.

Above all, Senan cherished time spent with his family. He especially treasured moments with his grandchildren, who brought him immense joy and pride. He is survived by his son, Taylor Kennedy and his longtime partner, Marissa Bender; Trevor Cotarelo and his wife, Rachel Cotarelo; his former wife, Joyce "Jet" Kennedy; his brother Kevin Kennedy and his wife, Katy Kennedy; his sister Karen Hamilton, and her son Derek Hamilton; his sister Kristine Kennedy, and her son Rory Dougherty and daughter Kaley Herring; and his three grandchildren, Parker, Stella, and Talen Cotarelo. He was preceded in death by his brother, Patrick Kennedy, and his parents, Fran Kennedy and Ruth Kennedy Parks.

Memorial services with military honors will be held Thursday, February 5th at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel at 11am, 901 West 2nd Street, Benicia, California. A private burial will follow at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

Senan will be remembered for his dedication, curiosity, generosity of spirit, and the deep love he held for his family. He was known to always root for the underdog and for his steadfast loyalty to those he cared about most. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the memories he leaves behind.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - February 04 at 02:52 PM

RC

“ *WHEN all the world is young, lad,  
And all the trees are green;  
And every goose a swan, lad,  
And every lass a queen;  
Then hey for boot and horse, lad,  
And round the world away;  
Young blood must have its course, lad,  
And every dog his day.  
When all the world is old, lad,  
And all the trees are brown;  
And all the sport is stale, lad,  
And all the wheels run down:  
Creep home and take your place there,  
The spent and maimed among:  
God grant you find one face there,  
You loved when all was young.*

robert carr - February 04 at 01:41 AM

KR

“ So, so you think you can tell heaven from hell?  
Blue skies from pain?  
Can you tell a green field from a cold steel rail?  
A smile from a veil?  
Do you think you can tell?  
... Did they get you to trade your heroes for ghosts?  
Hot ashes for trees?  
Hot air for a cool breeze?  
Cold comfort for change?  
Did you exchange a walk on part in the war  
For a lead role in a cage?  
... How I wish, how I wish you were here  
We're just two lost souls swimming in a fish bowl  
Year after year  
Running over the same old ground, what have we found?  
The same old fears, wish you were here  
How I wish, how I wish you were here

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**Kris** - January 26 at 07:42 AM

CB

“ Senan was one of the intelligent cool ones. Demonstrated his compassion once by intervening on my behalf during a Jr. High bullying incident. Years later he was instrumental in convincing me to attend a High School reunion which resulted in a reconnection with the woman who has been my wife for the last thirty-one years.  
Sail on Senan!  
Carl Brungardt

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**Carl Brungardt** - January 21 at 05:04 PM

SD

Many memories of motorcycles, laughs and hugs with him, Tom Goodman and Bob Hughes... missing them all in their own sweet way... what Carl Brungardt said...sail on Senan ❤️👍

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**Susie DeBus** - January 22 at 09:50 AM