



## Gerry J. Patten

January 11, 1931 - October 3, 2018

Gerry J. Patten, 87, of Benicia passed away Wednesday in a local hospital following a brief illness. He was born in Seattle, Washington and has called Benicia his home since 1972. Gerry was a 26 year veteran of the U.S. Navy including time spent in the reserves before retiring in 1974. After his retirement he spent many years working as a Private Investigator before retiring in 2016.

Gerry was a HAM radio operator and a member of Benicia Amateur Radio Communications. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriners and the Pasadena Elks Club. He was active with Demolay & Rainbow Girls when his children were younger and was a volunteer docent at the USS Pampanito submarine while it was berthed in San Francisco. Gerry was also a founding member of the Benicia Yacht Club and was a faithful blood donor for many years.

He is survived by Lorraine, his wife of 62 years; sons MacGregor Patten & Donald (Katy) Patten; daughter Nancy Coffin and his grandchildren Jacob Coffin, Maxwell Patten, Nicolette Coffin, Joshua Patten & Nicholas Patten.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 16th at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial with military honors will be held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Visitation will be at the mortuary after

2:00 p.m. Tuesday.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Services

OCT 16. 4:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gerry J. Patten

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Gerry was a member of the Brotherhood of the 'Phin - those who qualified and served in Submarines. Gerry was qualified on USS Tunny (SSG-282) and served in her on two separate tours. He was a shipmate and friend. "Sailor, Rest your oars. We have the watch!"

J.H. "Mac" Maclaren - October 21, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ I remember the good times at the Benicia LIONS Club meetings and Gerry's adding to the humor and enjoyment.

*I shall sorely miss him.*

*Bob Lewis*

ROBERT LEWIS - October 20, 2018 at 08:14 AM



“ Gerry and Lorraine have been members of the Benicia Historical Museum for many, many years. Gerry was always a cheerful guy at our annual holiday party. I will miss seeing him there. My thoughts and prayers are with Lorraine and her family.

*Beverly Phelan*

Beverly Phelan - October 16, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gerry J. Patten.*



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October 15, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ *To Lorraine, Mac, Nancy and Donald,*

*I send condolences on behalf of my parents and myself. We have had you as our neighbors for 46 years, sharing the simple happenings of the neighborhood and watching out over each other's homes. We will miss Gary, and know that his passing will leave you with sadness. Wishing you comfort as you also reflect upon the many sweet memories of these years.*

*May you know Gods blessing,*

*Diane Corbaley Smith  
Len and Joanne Corbaley*

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**Diane E Smith** - October 15, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ *To Lorraine and family and friends of Gerry, I send my sympathy and prayers at your loss. You all have many shared memories of those years and times together and those will comfort you in numerous ways in days and years to come. May they comfort you now.*

*Marie Earp*

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**MARIE EARP** - October 10, 2018 at 10:16 PM

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“ To Lorraine and family members and friends I send my sympathy at the loss of your dear family patriarch. I know your special memories shared over the years will be recalled over and over. It is those treasures that matter the most. You have my prayers.

*Marie Earp*

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**MARIE EARP** - October 09, 2018 at 09:25 PM