



## H. R. Autz

August 20, 1942 - May 15, 2014

H.R. Autz, 71, of Benicia passed away Friday in a local hospital after a long illness. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri and has lived in Benicia for over 26 years.

H.R. spent time as a Retailer and Advertising Executive until he opened his own agency in 1997. He also worked many years as an Ad Director for the Alameda Newspaper Group and the Contra Costa Times. He has been the City of Benicia Treasurer for the past 2 years.

He was a member and former Commodore of the Benicia Yacht Club and the editor of its monthly newsletter, Windword. He was President of the Homeowners Association for Harbor Walk and member of the Board of Directors of Heidelberg at June Lake. He loved golf and the Oakland Raiders on the occasions that they won.

He once graced the cover of the Saturday Evening Post as the boy holding the puppy in the Norman Rockwell painting "At the Vet."

H.R. is survived by Christina, his wife of 49 years; sons Richard H. (Karina) Autz and Bryan William George Autz and his spouse John Ruedisueli; sister Crissy Maxine (Marc) Swartz, nephew CMD Shaun (Katherine) Swartz, nieces Tara Michelle Swartz and her spouse John Koritkoski and Brittany Ann

(Micah) Pierce, grandchildren Robert & Rudolph Autz and his beloved sheepdog Bentley.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will be private at Benicia Cemetery. Family prefers donations to United Network for Organ Sharing, P.O. Box 2484, Richmond, VA 23218, (804) 782-4800, [www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ *H. R. Autz*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of H.R.'s passing. He and I were pledge brothers in the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at the University of Missouri. I had looked forward to seeing him at our 50th reunion that will be held this Fall.*

*I have enjoyed keeping in touch with H.R. by email the last few years. I will always remember H.R. as the little boy sitting in the veterinarian's office with his dog which was captured in the Norman Rockwell painting that was on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post.*

*My younger daughter is a veterinarian and about two years ago H.R. gave her a framed copy of the painting. She now has that painting hanging in her newly opened veterinarian clinic in Denver. He will forever be remembered by her and me when we view that painting.*

*Robert Healy  
Houston, Texas*

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“ *Mrs. Autz and Family - I was so sorry to hear of H.R.'s passing. I really enjoyed taking taking care of him and listening to his stories. His legacy lives on in your adorable grandchildren.*

*Sincerely,*

*Anne Torres, RN*

*WellBound Vallejo*

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**Anne Torres** - May 22, 2014 at 02:34 PM