



## Jaad A. Ajlouny

December 3, 1956 - September 26, 2015

Jaad A. Ajlouny, 58, of Benicia passed away Saturday at a local hospital from complications of chemo treatment for Leukemia, while surrounded by his family & friends. He was born in Detroit, Michigan and has lived in Benicia for the past 29 years. He earned both his Bachelors and Masters Degree from St. Mary's College in Business Administration and was an avid fan of all the Detroit sports teams including the Lions, Tigers & Red Wings.

Jaad worked for Contra Costa County Fire for 29 years and retired as a Captain in 2007. He was a member of the Contra Costa County Firefighters Local 1230. As a captain, he was very passionate in developing new recruit firefighters that were assigned to him. He wanted to make sure they were safe and knowledgeable of the job. He never shied away from any challenges that he encountered on the job.

He had his opinion and view for just about everything – but that was Jaad, take it or leave it. He would point his finger and say “Well here’s what I would do or say”. Jaad loved karaoke, his favorite was “It’s a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong.

Jaad enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Benicia Community Action Council Board of Directors. He was a generous person, proud of his faith in Jesus and his 100% Palestinian heritage.

Jaad was the most caring, kind, giving, funny and compassionate person. He volunteered to travel to disaster zones to help the victims of Mexico's 1985 Earthquake and El Salvador's 1986 Earthquake. One of his many passions were giving to others and non-profit organizations. He was the friend you could always count on and be there for the good times and the bad. Words can't even begin to describe how much he meant to his family and friends and how much he was loved. Rest in peace, Jaad.

He is survived by his brothers Jerry (Debbie), Eddie, Victor (Audrey) & Issa (Susan) Ajlouny; 9 nieces and nephews and 6 great nieces and nephews, and his dear friend Karen Beatteay.

A Celebration of His Life will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Benicia Clock Tower.

Contributions should be sent to United Palestinian Appeal by going online at [www.helpupa.org](http://www.helpupa.org) or send checks to United Palestinian Appeal, Inc., 1330 New Hampshire Ave. NW Suite 104, Washington, DC 20036. Arrangements are under the direction of Passalacqua Funeral Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

Benicia Clock Tower

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jaad A. Ajlouny*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I am saddened by the loss of Jaad and just found out. I was his Professor at Saint Mary's College years ago and he had a heart bigger than that the Universe. As the years past it was so cool to share a talk or libation with him. He was Mr. Benicia on First Street and his time here with us was ever so special.*  
*Dr. Larry Bienati*

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**larry bienati** - October 08, 2015 at 11:38 PM



“ *What a wonderful human being. We were deeply grieved to hear that Jaad passed away. Genuine, and truly a nice guy. He had the beautiful trait of making you feel special, and we will miss that super smile he always had for everyone. Jaad would proudly walk past our home attacking the N Street hill. Aggressively walking up the hill and giving us a hardy greeting. . . . that is the way we will remember him. He now walks with angels.*  
*We will always think of him with fondness. Sincerest sympathy to his family,*

*Renato & Scarlet Iacopetti*

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**Renato Iacopetti** - October 05, 2015 at 06:46 PM

SA

“ *The life Jaad lived is the life Jaad gave to others. He lived a life of love and service to others--family, co-workers, friends and neighbors alike. Like no one I have ever known, Jaad actively maintained his connections to almost everyone he ever met. His warmth and support for others were exemplary. He lived life fully and without reservation. His absence leaves a gaping hole in our family and our larger community. May his memory and example be eternal.*

*Salem Ajluni, San Jose, CA*

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**Salem Ajluni** - October 05, 2015 at 08:09 AM

EO

“ *Jaad is an amazing man. I was so very blessed to have been able to share this past year with him and to be able to take care of him. What a funny funny man. He loved his family and friends very much! He shared so many stories with us....love and will miss him dearly.*

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**Elisha Oshea-Cooper** - October 02, 2015 at 06:11 PM

GH

“ *Jaad was the first, well the only person, to knock on my door some 28 years ago when my family moved to "Poppy Circle" in Benicia. He became and remained my friend ever since. His positive outlook, generosity and ever constant happy presence will be sorely missed. But rest assured Jaad you will not be forgotten, not by me, and not by hundreds more that your kindness touched.*

*It was an honor to know you, keep smiling down on us!*

*Love,  
Gail Hanley*

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**Gail Hanley** - October 01, 2015 at 10:38 PM

LF

“ *Lori, Kai, Kaleo, Gabby and the Albino Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jaad A. Ajlouny.*



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**Lori, Kai, Kaleo, Gabby and the Albino Family** - October 01, 2015 at 03:30 PM

LD

“ *It still seems unbelievable to know that Jaad is no longer with us. He was a special part of our lives on Poppy Circle while the kids were growing up. The block parties and the snow days at his home will always be a cherished memory. In 2009 when my husband, Kaizer passed away, Jaad was a huge support and comfort. At a time when everything was turned upside down for us, he told me over and over that things would be okay. That reassurance kept us going and he was right. As time passed along, and Jaad moved away from Poppy Circle, we would often see him on First St. where he was always very happy and excited to see us. I went to Sailor Jack's about a month ago to have dinner with a friend, and was surprised that I didn't see Jaad there with a flock of friends around him. Soon after that I ran into a neighbor, Carol, who told me he was undergoing treatment for his illness. Then to hear that he has passed is just so sad. Benicia will not be the same. Our hearts go out to his family on your tremendous loss.*

*Lori (Albino) Drew*

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**Lori Drew** - October 01, 2015 at 02:50 PM

Karen  
Chomas  
Cochenou

“ *Karen Chomas Cochenour lit a candle in memory of Jaad A. Ajlouny*



Karen Chomas Cochenour - October 01, 2015 at 01:21 AM

SU

“ *Jaad was a source of strength to me when I was going through a very difficult time. Honest and sincere. A true friend. The advice he gave to me while we were marching up those Benicia hills will never be forgotten, nor will his smile and his shining eyes. In my heart forever. Love you, Jaad! Suzanne*

Suzanne - September 30, 2015 at 06:32 PM

CN

“ *Chuck, Kathy, Abbie and Jayme Burney - Omaha, NE purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jaad A. Ajlouny.*



Chuck, Kathy, Abbie and Jayme Burney - Omaha, NE -  
September 29, 2015 at 04:02 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - September 29, 2015 at 02:49 PM

KC

“ Jaad was always so kind, sweet and easy to talk to. I will miss you my dear friend.

Kathy Cox

Kathy Cox - September 29, 2015 at 02:27 PM

LF

“ I will miss seeing Jaad about town. He was such a warm person with the biggest heart. I remember when my son was very young and Jaad took him out for a Hummus treat. My son ate all of it, so Jaad decided he liked it so much he would order him another helping! Later, my son shared with us that he really did not like it, but he did not want to hurt Jaad's feelings! I will never forget how pleased Jaad was that my son loved Hummus!

L. Fong - September 29, 2015 at 02:24 PM

MB

“ Kelly Cantrell now Dillingham... introduced me to Jaad years ago. He is someone you do not forget. Authentic. Warm. Kind .His twinkly eyes shining out ... I am happy I had a few opportunities to share a laugh and a smile with him. He lived with big joy...I barely knew him and this was obvious. Grateful.Always grateful for those who choose to share their light.

margery bailey - September 29, 2015 at 07:25 AM

DB

“ With thoughts and Prayers to you to all, words can not describe how sorry we are to hear Jaad passed. Rest in Peace sweet Jaad...  
My Condolences to you all,  
Diane Hanna Bateh

Diane Hanna Bateh - September 28, 2015 at 11:36 PM

RC

“ You will be missed my friend. You always supported me after I came to Con Fire and it was a pleasure to work with you. Your laugh was contagious and as big as your heart. Rest in peace brother.

Captain Randy Champion  
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Randy Champion - September 28, 2015 at 02:44 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - September 28, 2015 at 01:18 PM