



James F. Avery

January 9, 1938 - October 28, 2016

James F. Avery, 78, of Benicia passed away peacefully Friday in a local hospital. He was born in McGhee, Arkansas and has called Benicia his home since 1980. After graduating with a Business Degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Jim worked over 35 years for the railroad, most of those with Missouri and Union Pacific before retiring in 1999.

Jim was a devoted eucharistic minister and longtime member of St. Dominic's Church where he also proudly served as a 4th degree Knights of Columbus. He was a well-known and beloved former softball umpire, enjoyed playing golf with his buddies and was an avid football fan, especially the 49ers. Jim loved his walks, especially those along First Street and was a volunteer with many local organizations including Benicia Main Street, Benicia Farmers Market, and St. Dominic's Catholic Church. He will be remembered as a very charming and friendly guy with a wicked sense of humor who never met a stranger.

He is survived by his 3 daughters Joell Miller, Melissa Voyvodich, and Marcy Avery; 6 grandchildren Jaymee Miller Castleberry, Devin Miller, Austin & Kaitlin Walling, Dakota Voyvodich, and Alastair Avery Liddle; his beloved aunt and cousins in Missouri; Eva Avery Pearson, Patti Pearson, Lesa Pearson, Donna Halinski & John Larry Pearson.

Visitation will be at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel after 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 11th followed by a Vigil & Rosary service at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:30 a.m. Saturday, November 12th at St. Dominic's Church. Burial will be private. The family prefers donations in Jim's name be made to the UCSF Heart Transplant Family Fund (www.makea.gift.ucsf.edu).

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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

Vigil services

NOV 11. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 12. 11:30 AM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church
475 E I St
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 747-7220

Tribute Wall



“ *James F. Avery*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Ken E.Krob II lit a candle in memory of James F. Avery*



Ken E.Krob II - November 13, 2016 at 01:59 AM



“ *I live at Southampton Apartments. Jim was our sunshine here. He had a kind word and greeting for everybody. He called us ladies honey and we loved it. I had complicated surgery in 2010 and Jim kept track of my progress encouraging me to get better. We will miss him a great deal and will see him again and experience his genuine smile.*

Josie Hodson

Josie Hodson - November 11, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ *Dearest Marcy, Molly told me that your Dad had died and I am so so sad for you. It is so hard to bear the loss of a beloved father and I hope you can always keep him near with good memories, and family stories to tell Alistair. Sending you much love.*

Martha

Martha - November 04, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ *Marcy, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was always a gentleman with a wicked sense of humor. We always had a lot of laughs. I loved how he called me "Young Lady".*

The Knights breakfasts won't be the same without him,

He has a special place in my heart because he loved my son Shawn so much. He has Down Syndrome and Jim always said he was the best altar server.

I miss him so much.

Kathy Swienton

Kathy Swienton - November 04, 2016 at 02:01 PM

DB

“ *Jim was a good high school buddy and friend. I remember him a a very nice,
Friendly person and a great athlete.*

He will be greatly missed. May God bless the family in this time .

Dalton Blakely

Class of "56"



dalton blakely - November 02, 2016 at 09:01 PM



Thank you so much for the memories, Dalton. Warmly, Marcy Avery

Marcy Avery - November 03, 2016 at 03:38 PM

DF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David Fleming - November 02, 2016 at 07:22 PM



Thank you so much for your beautiful words and this terrific picture of a wonderful night. I remember fondly how we surprised my Dad with you at his 70th birthday dinner! Look forward to seeing you soon our dear friend. Love, Marcy

Marcy Avery - November 03, 2016 at 03:39 PM

NW

“ NORMA KIRK WILHELM lit a candle in memory of James F. Avery



NORMA KIRK WILHELM - November 01, 2016 at 06:52 PM

NW

rest in peace, friend.

NORMA KIRK WILHELM - November 01, 2016 at 06:53 PM



Thank you Ms. Wilhelm. He always spoke of you fondly. With love, Marcy

Marcy Avery - November 02, 2016 at 01:49 PM

AM

Missing you Jim!! 💖💖

Amy Martin - November 02, 2016 at 05:11 PM

KM

So sorry for you loss...

Kandi Miller - November 02, 2016 at 06:02 PM

DF

The best of laughs in my life were shared with Jim, also known as "Frick" of "Frick and Frack" (me). What a joyful world he created among strangers and especially friends of his Treadwell High School days in Memphis, Tennessee. Jim takes a large part of me with him, and leaves a large part of him with his love ones, friends and me.

*David Fleming, Davis, CA...
1956 Treadwell Hi classmate.*

David Fleming - November 02, 2016 at 07:12 PM



Dad, you've left an irreplaceable hole in my heart and I miss you infinity. What I am left with are memories of one of the most beautiful father-daughter relationships I could have ever wished for. You were a best friend, fierce confidant, silent protector, impressive advice-giver, provider of many laughs and many cringe-worthy moments. You truly meant the world to me then and even more now that you are gone. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being the true meaning of a "Dad". I hope you are enjoying those limitless rounds of golf up there in heaven. I'll see you when its my turn, on the other side, at heaven's driving range. Love you Pops. ~Mic

Marcy Avery - November 03, 2016 at 03:37 PM