



## Jay A. Garibaldi

September 13, 1961 - October 13, 2020

Jay A. Garibaldi, 59, of Benicia passed away Tuesday in a local hospital following a long illness. He was born in Vallejo but has always called Benicia his home. He was a graduate of Armijo High School, Class of 1979 and has worked as a warehouse manager for the past 25 years. Jay also worked many years at Benicia Auto Parts as well as at St. Dominic's Cemetery in Benicia.

He was a volunteer with the Benicia Fire Department for over 40 years and was a lifetime member of the Solano County Fireman's Association and prior to his death Jay was the longest standing member of the Benicia Volunteer Fire Department. Jay was also the local handyman, more than willing to drop what he was doing to help family and friends fix, repair or lend a helping hand.

Jay is survived by Lynda, his wife of 32 years; daughter Bethany (Vinnie); son Andrew; grandson Jacob; sisters Joanne Miller and Nancy Darr; brothers Roy Garibaldi and Danny Cesena; and all the friends who were considered family.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Services will be private due to Covid restrictions. The family prefers donations be made in Jay's name to the ASPCA ([www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jay A. Garibaldi

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Thank you everyone for the prayers and love during this difficult time. My father was loved by so many, it gave our family much comfort knowing he meant so much to all of his friends ❤️

Bethany Garibaldi - October 22, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ We share your loss of Jay. Our daughter and son [same age as Jay] attended Robert Semple School with Jay and Roy. It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of such a well-lived life with Jay. Our deepest sympathy to all of Jay's family. Burt & Nancy Mahoney, Benicia

Burt & Nancy Mahoney - October 21, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jay A. Garibaldi.



October 20, 2020 at 06:08 PM

RC

“ I spent many years at the firehouse with Jay, about 1981-1993. He was a constant presence, anytime day or night. He was never the person to just sit back and relax and watch others work, he was always in the middle of it. He would always let you know what was on his mind but one of the first to step up when something needed to be done. I remember him always helping my dad when he needed auto parts at Zech's. He will certainly be missed. Rest in peace Jaybird.

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**Randy Champion** - October 20, 2020 at 05:58 PM

NG

“ I was Jay's teacher at Armijo High School. Jay was the type of student that was well liked by all his teachers. I do not think Jay missed a day of school. He came everyday, ready to work and always with a positive attitude. I remember that Jay particularly excelled in all the shop classes. Jay was kind, caring and had a great sense of humor. After Jay graduated, we kept in touch. He called me every year on my birthday and we had some great talks. Occasionally he would stop in my classroom to say hi. Jay touched so many lives and was a friend to so many. He will be so missed. My sincere condolences to Linda and his family.  
Nancy Giovannetti

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**Nancy Giovannetti** - October 20, 2020 at 04:47 PM

BG

*It was so nice to finally meet you. I wish it were under different circumstances* ❤️

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**Bethany Garibaldi** - October 22, 2020 at 11:29 AM

BW

“ We first knew Jay from the auto parts store. It developed into much more as time went by. Andrea & Michele thought of him as an older brother.. He was here many Christmas Eves to open presents with us. Even went to Disneyland one year. It was a lot of fun. I was always telling him what to watch out for when you get older. Lately he would say I should have listened. He would stop by to talk or see if we needed anything. That was Jay always willing to help out. Our hearts go out to Linda, Bethany & Andrew. He will be missed by everyone that truly knew him.

*John, Bernie  
Andrea & Michele*

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**Bernardine Wernex** - October 20, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ 168 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Passalacqua Funeral Chapel** - October 20, 2020 at 12:42 PM

ME

“ Hundreds of memories flood my mind about Jay and Larry doing their magic at St. Dominic cemetery. Nothing was too big or too hard for them to accomplish. I am sure there is a reunion going on up there!

Jay was a delight to know and always made a point to stop and say hello and ask about my family. I think he knew everyone in town.

Gone too soon and a great loss - but we will all have those special memories of times shared with him.

My prayers and sympathy to his family and his many friends.

Thanks Jay for all your help to St. Dominic's.

Marie Earp

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Marie Earp - October 19, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jay A. Garibaldi.



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October 19, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay A. Garibaldi.



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October 18, 2020 at 10:50 PM

DF

“ I went to school with Jay since kindergarten. Our families both moved to Fairfield around the same time and I attended Armijo High School with Jay there as well.  
He was such a nice kid. I remember being in every single class together at Robert Semple Elementary school in Benicia. I still have all of the class photos and I will post them soon. I send my deepest sympathy to his family.

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**Debi Florence** - October 18, 2020 at 05:48 PM

DO

*I would love to see the pictures*

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**Darla O'Donnell** - October 19, 2020 at 02:50 PM

BG

*Thank you ❤️ I would love to see the photos too.*

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**Bethany Garibaldi** - October 22, 2020 at 11:33 AM

DF

*Yes I'll post them soon, you're in some too Darla ❤️*

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**Debi Bordoni Florence** - October 22, 2020 at 06:46 PM

MW

“ Jay Garibaldi was a cornerstone of the Benicia Volunteer Firefighters. He served in many capacities, fighting fires, medical emergencies, rescues, and other services to the residents of Benicia and Solano County. His selfless dedication enhanced the quality of life of those he served for 4 decades. He was glad to be of service to those who needed his help. His mechanical aptitude and skills were sought out by those in need of a good trouble shooter and repairman. Many neighbors, friends, and relatives benefitted from his wiliness to solve their problems. These qualities made Jay a rare man. He was a loyal and true friend to those who knew him well. May Linda and his family find peace in knowing that Jay lives on in the memories of those he helped and touched. We feel privileged that they shared him with us. We will miss him, his smile, jokes, and his knack for knowing everyone's birthday's, anniversaries, and dates of other significant events in their lives.



*Mike & Luly White*

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**Mike White** - October 18, 2020 at 01:03 PM

BG

*Thank you for everything Mike! Also please tell your wife thank you for the beautiful plant ❤️*

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**Bethany Garibaldi** - October 22, 2020 at 11:32 AM

NT

“ My memories of Jay begins in June 2010 when I joined the city of Benicia Fire Department. Jay was a volunteer Firefighter. He would stop by the fire station for training, fire apparatus driving practice, staff meetings, and emergency response. I was very impressed with his mechanical knowledge and problem solving approach. Jay shared his knowledge of the community and the Fire Department. I really appreciated the many conversations we had pertaining to FD operations. Throughout the years I attended several functions hosted by the volunteer Firefighters. Highlights included the annual July 3rd parade and Christmas Tree Lighting. Jay would often drive antique fire vehicles during this community events. I also recall Jay being our grill master during social events at the Fire Museum. He would be drinking soda and flipping burgers until everyone had full plates. It was during these social events I got to meet his immediate family. A great wife and great children. Yes. A very good man good too soon.

*My wife Cheryl and I extend our sincerest condolences. Stay strong in your faith. Cherish the memories Jay leaves behind.*

*Sincerely*

*Nicolas Thomas  
Benicia Fire Division Chief (Retired)*

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**Nicolas E Thomas** - October 17, 2020 at 04:51 PM

LV

*I lived in Benicia for many years and know the Garibaldi's from Grammar school and High School. Jay I new mostly through his sisters. MY he Rest in Peace. Prayers for him and family.*

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**Lucia Vargas** - October 18, 2020 at 11:29 PM

BG

*Thank you! Those museum BBQs are some of my favorite memories*  
❤️

**Bethany Garibaldi** - October 22, 2020 at 11:31 AM

BD

“ *Linda and family my thoughts go out to you at this time know I pray for a speedy recovery for you all Jay will never be forgotten he will always be in your hearts. Bruce*



**bruce dinsdale** - October 17, 2020 at 12:50 PM

BG

*Thank you* ❤️

**Bethany Garibaldi** - October 22, 2020 at 11:30 AM

DO

“ *Darla O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Jay A. Garibaldi*



**Darla O'Donnell** - October 16, 2020 at 07:32 PM

DO

“ *Darla O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Jay A. Garibaldi*



**Darla O'Donnell** - October 16, 2020 at 05:48 PM

FC

*Fred Caballero - my condolences to jays wife & two children & family - jay was loved by everybody who knew him or ever met him - give you the shirt off his back —A TRUE OLD TIME BENICIA — such a big heart RIP OLD FRIEND*

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**fred caballero** - October 18, 2020 at 12:22 PM

DG

*Dan Graf - Jay was a good man. Known him since my Lavezzo's Chevron day's.*

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**D. Graf** - October 19, 2020 at 02:13 PM

BG

*Thank you ❤️*

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**Bethany Garibaldi** - October 22, 2020 at 11:30 AM