



Jerry Lee Johnson

May 23, 1941 - November 5, 2021

Jerry Lee Johnson, long time resident of Benicia, CA born in Vallejo, CA passed away while doing what he loved the most, walking his two dachshund companions Benji and Poppy at the Benicia Marina. Jerry was affectionately called the “chairman of the board” for the eclectic coffee group who gathered at Java Point faithfully every morning for the last 15 years. Jerry always had treats in his pockets for any dog out for a walk, and they quickly greeted him.

He owned and operated Mailboxes Etc. in Benicia with Joann Perkins for over twenty years. He was an avid drone enthusiast and shared spectacular footage of his adventures. Once he found something he was passionate about, he was all in. His home is full of multiple collections, one his favorites being Indian art. He loved anything showcasing the gifts of local artists. He was known for his quick sarcastic wit and his willingness to help anyone at any time. He touched the lives of many and he will be greatly missed.

Jerry graduated from Vallejo High School in 1958 and was on the reunion committee. He always looked forward to connecting with old classmates. Jerry became a gifted electrician, a trade he practiced for over 40 years and most of his career was spent with Alhambra Electric.

He is survived by his daughter, Arlene and her spouse, David Ruddy, along with their children (grandchildren) Jacob, Ethan, and Sara Ruddy, great-

grandchildren from Sara are Ashton and Raelynn who all reside in Colorado and by his son, Mark Johnson and his spouse, Andrea Johnson, and their children (grandchildren) Annika, Niki and Britta Johnson who reside in Tahoe City, CA; and by his former wife Susan Boettcher of Colorado and Deborah Johnson of Benicia; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Diana Johnson.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Benicia Veteran's Memorial Hall on Saturday, December 4th at 1pm. We look forward to honoring him and sharing memories about Jerry. Arrangements are under the direction of Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, Benicia. Please visit the online tribute at www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com. The family prefers donations in Jerry's name be made to the Salvation Army.

"I've always been one who if you come to a fork in the road and you wonder where it goes, take it and find out; otherwise you may find yourself wondering where it went. The idea of going through life wondering "what if" has never appealed to me. I always look for new adventures and will never pass up a junction in the road to see where it leads." ~ Jerry

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 1:00 PM (PT)

Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall
1150 1st St
Benicia, CA 94510-3221
(707) 745-1769

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Lee Johnson*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *My apologies I spelled Joanne wrong (Not Joan).
My mom wanted me to add-
" He was one of the most generous and the most loyal person I've
ever known."
~ Gail Hanley.*

Casey Hanley - February 06, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *My mom and I knew Jerry for over 25 years. I remember he used to
eat at Ensenada when he worked at Mail Boxes etc. with Joan (
they are now together heaven) and we used to get chips and salsa
with bean dip. He always used to give me candy and stickers when I
went in to see them at work. He had such a great sense of humor,
was so caring and loved his dogs. He will be missed.*

May he Rest in Paradise.

Casey Hanley - February 06, 2022 at 05:02 PM

KB

“ I met Jerry while working at Lucca, he would always bring my co workers and I treats while we worked and told us many stories of his life and travels. This photo was a couple years ago on my last day at Lucca, Jerry brought me flowers! Such a kind man. You will be missed dearly, Jerry! May you Rest In Peace ❤️



Kailee Bullock - November 30, 2021 at 12:07 PM



Awwww, thank you for sharing!

Arlene Ruddy - December 09, 2021 at 03:55 PM

KB

“ Jerry was one of my favorite regulars at Lucca! He always brought my co workers and I treats, and every Thursday would get us something to snack on from the farmers market while at work! He was such an amazing/ sweet man. He shared so many great stories with us! This photo was one of my last shifts at Lucca and Jerry brought me flowers. You will be missed dearly, may you Rest In Peace ❤️



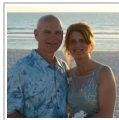
Kailee Bullock - November 30, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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“ We are very saddened to hear of Jerry’s passing. He was such a wonderful person. We had the pleasure of living very close to Jerry on Cooper for almost 10 years. We saw Jerry often as he drove out running errands, going to fly his drone, go to the desert or just heading to First street. He would always stop, roll down the passenger window, talk to the dogs to mind him and then we would banter about the subject of the day. He always had a comment or suggestion about something we needed to fix or solve. He was a true comedian with witty things to say about everything. We also had the pleasure of riding around Benicia in his Roadster. He even took our grandkids for rides and had a blast. He was so giving. Of course, we would be remiss if we didn’t mention him holding court at the Java Cafe. We would often walk our dogs down first street and it was always a treat to see Jerry and the gang for further witty back and forth while we strolled by. Fortunately for us, if we missed him at the cafe we would generally catch up at the marina turning the point with the dogs engaging as Jerry tried to voice command Benji and Poppy while giving our dogs a treat. Jerry had total control as far as he was concerned. Again, we will miss him so much, the jokes, the witty comments and his suggestions were classic and he was Old School all the way. Jerry you were wonderful, miss you, love you and rest in peace.

*Tom and Lisa Zilka
Previously at 569 Cooper.*

thomas - November 29, 2021 at 10:13 PM



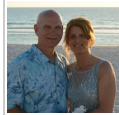
Thank you so much! You really had him pegged, especially about the dogs! One of the co-owners of Java took them both, worked out so well. Happy he was a wonderful part of your life ❤️

Arlene Ruddy - December 09, 2021 at 03:59 PM

HA

“ *Jerry was such a sweet man. I had the pleasure of dog sitting his cute doggies and hear all about his trips where he took amazing pictures with his drone. I will miss him and his adorable doggies greatly. May he rest in peace. Warmly, Hannah*

Hannah - November 29, 2021 at 02:54 PM



Thank you Hannah. I know he was incredibly grateful for you! ❤️

Arlene Ruddy - December 09, 2021 at 04:00 PM