



J. F. Rick Ernst

September 27, 1951 - August 2, 2013

J. F. Rick Ernst, 61, passed away unexpectedly Friday afternoon in a local hospital. He was born in Dallas, Texas and has lived in Benicia since 1991. Rick spent many years in Real Estate and developed his uncanny sense of knowing how to locate any place. Rick also spent several years with Mechanical Contractor Associations and then the United Associates Local 343, Plumbers & Pipefitters. He became a watchdog for local issues where he thought he could make a positive difference.

He was a member of the Solano County Fair Board and was a volunteer with C.A.S.A., an organization that helps local foster children, and the Avon Breast Cancer Walk. Rick also was recently appointed to the Solano County Grand Jury. Rick was an avid supporter, volunteer, performer, former Board Member and Past President of the Benicia Old Town Theater.

Rick is survived by his wife Donna; daughter Elizabeth (Brad) Normand; son David (Elaine) Ernst; stepdaughters Amy Rigsby and Audrey (David) Fry; his parents Fred & Jamie Ernst; his beloved grandchildren Morgan & Wyatt Fry and Cooper Ernst; sisters Nancy Fann, Joann Ernst & Toni Wardell; brother Joseph Ernst and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Peter & Jerry Ernst.

Memorial services will be held 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel with Pastor Paul Yeager officiating. Family prefers donations in Rick's name be made to the Benicia Old Town Theater Group, P.O. Box 602, Benicia, CA 94510.

Tribute Wall



“ *J. F. Rick Ernst*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Rick was such a generous man and had an incredible and most creative sense of humor. I always looked forward to see him when the family got together for the holidays or other occasions. He was always interested in hearing about Argentina and always made me feel good as a person, because he demonstrated that special interest in people. We will miss him more than we can imagine. He will be in our hearts,
Marta and Brandon Ernst*

marta ernst - August 21, 2013 at 02:20 AM



“ *From the moment we met Rick, he went out of his way to make us feel appreciated and part of the family. His warmth, positive energy, and humor were contagious. We are lucky to have known him.*

Our hearts go out to his loved ones.

*With love,
Laura & Matthew*

Laura Normand & Matthew Benys - August 07, 2013 at 05:23 PM

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“ *It is the Barnes Family Honor to make a donation to Benicia Old Town Theater Group in the name of Rick Ernst. We know that Rick loved his theater work and we will miss his wonderful smile and never ending positive attitude and very close friendship.*
All Our Love,

Eddie, Crystal, & Dolly Barnes

Edward Barnes - August 06, 2013 at 10:50 PM

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“ *Eddie, Crystal and Dolly Barnes purchased the A Full Life for the family of J. F. Rick Ernst.*



Eddie, Crystal and Dolly Barnes - August 06, 2013 at 10:28 PM

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“ *Boyd, I met Rick's son David a few years back at a MotoBros new years party in Oakland... Two cops responded to a complaint about high power M1000 explosions, the host was setting them off, one after another... The old cop was known by the host from his days driving a tow truck, the new kid was David Ernst, OPD probationer... I let David know about our connection, and told him I was proud of him... He seems like a great kid, damned sorry to hear about his dads passing... Man, I don't expect to live forever, but shit, 61 is way to early to check out... Dave M.*

Boyd - August 06, 2013 at 09:02 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of J. F. Rick Ernst.* ”



August 06, 2013 at 07:41 PM