



John Jacobs

June 29, 1929 - July 7, 2018

John Jacobs, 89, passed away Saturday in a local care home following a long illness. He was born in Slovakia, survived World War II, escaped from a Russian Concentration Camp into Switzerland and then immigrated to America in the early '50's. John was a Salesian Catholic Priest when he met his wife Marie and received special dispensation from the Pope to get married.

John became a school teacher and taught for more than 43 years, almost all of those at Benicia High School. He was a member of St. Dominic's Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was an advocate of the California Teachers Association and a former president of the Benicia Teachers Association.

John is survived by Marie, his wife of 52 years; sons John Paul, Michael Anthony, Joseph Alan and Andrew Martin and his grandchildren Sophia, Adrian, Zachary, Ryan, Andrew and Luke.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 4th at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia. Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Dominics
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *John Jacobs*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Such a wonderful kind man, I will always remember him.*



Lori Telepak - July 16, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *He was a kind and gentle man.
I was one of his students at BHS. I was his TA senior year and I also took his class for both geometry and German.
At one point I was in his class for 3 classes out of 6.
His stories of escape were fascinating.
The word gentleman described him perfectly*

C.T. Page - July 11, 2018 at 01:08 PM



*I was a friend of his nephew, Emil Skyba. Emile & I were boarders & students at St John Bosco HS in Bellflower, CA when he was a Salesian priest there. He was very decent to Emile & me. I considered him a friend & mentor who looked out for me. Emile & I had a third friend, George Aranha, a day student whom we hung out with. Fr Jacobs would at times give us a pass from the campus to hang out with George who would pick us up in his father's car. Thank you Father Jacobs for your example & your kindness.
Peter Donohoe.*

Peter Donohoe - April 30, 2025 at 03:20 AM