



John Nunes

November 9, 1927 - June 30, 2012

John Nunes was born November 9th, 1927, in a small house on the upper end of East 5th Street. His parent's, Antonio Nunes and Mary Costa came to Benicia in January of 1912. He had 12 brothers and sisters who grew up on East 2nd Street amongst a large population of Portuguese immigrants.

John started working early. His earliest recollection was delivering milk from the running boards of a truck throughout Benicia as well as making deliveries to the Benicia convent. He later worked on a dairy and also recalled New Year's Eve night delivering milk with Frank Saitz Senior. He worked many odd jobs as he supported himself through an early education in Benicia schools.

John joined the United States Army in February of 1946 and was Honorably Discharged July 25th, 1947. After serving in the military, John started working at the Benicia Unified School District as a janitor. A year later he would start his career with the United States Government at the Benicia Arsenal. He worked mostly as a truck driver until his job was closed out in 1963. For 6 months he worked in a foil factory in South San Francisco, returning to Benicia to work at the Yuba where he started as a janitor and ended up as a

crane operator. He left the Yuba a year later to deliver oil for Sheldon Oil of Suisun but landed an opportunity back in civil service with Travis Air Force Base as a forklift operator. He later transferred to Mare Island and ended his career as a multiple truck/vehicle driver in the motor pool retiring at age of 55 with 35+ years of government service.

After retirement, John loved his opportunities working at the “old” Town Club for Harold Adams and later JM’s for Bruce Adams and Jim McInerney. John spent 20 years in a self-built home near Nevada City later in life and returned to Benicia living the last 20 years at the Rancho Benicia Mobile Home Park.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Lucille Nunes. John leaves two sons, Dayle L. Nunes (Regina) of Grass Valley and John R. Nunes (Roseann) of Benicia. John had 5 grand children, Mikki Millhouse of Hewitt, Texas, April White of Oakley, Dayle Nunes Jr. of Grass Valley, Jenna and John Anthony Nunes of Benicia. He also had 8 great grand children at the time of his death.

His hobbies included reading, playing cards and watching sports, preferably the 49ers and Giants. He was always proud of his ability and love of driving truck both locally and throughout the state of California. He said driving gave him the silence he needed and the sense of accomplishment he aspired to his whole life.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel followed by inurnment with Military Honors in St. Dominic's Cemetery. Family prefers donations to St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School or Kaiser Hospice of Vallejo.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Nunes*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Johnny and Doc,*

Uncle Johnny was my favorite, I loved coming over and playing with my cousins when I was little. Still one of my funniest things to do is visit with my cousins.

I sincerely feel most deeply for you in this sad hour. The loss is too severe to be expressed in words.

I pray God give you strength and courage to deal with all you have to go through. Please remember me if I could do anything for you, don't hesitate to call if you need any help. I am always willing to be there. Do call me anytime to lighten your sorrow, laugh and cry.

All my love Pammi

Pamela Cooper - July 06, 2012 at 04:20 PM

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“ Johnny Nunes was a friend of mine, with a hardy laugh and a job well done, you could count on John to haul your load from dry dock to open road with out a hitch. I will miss my friend Johnny as now he joins all of my uncle's up above that he grew up with in Benicia. He will be truly missed, so long and God speed John...

Your Friend,

Albert Losado
Mare Island 6436258

Albert Losado - July 05, 2012 at 12:28 PM

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“ Johnny and Roseann, so sorry for the loss of your beloved father, I remember him always being kind and sweet, just like you! Love you guys, Daneen Diaz

Daneen Diaz - July 04, 2012 at 10:56 AM

SC

“ My deepest sympathy to my Uncle Johnny's family. I am Sharon Carelli, youngest daughter to Henry and Ana (Nunes) Dever. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and just wanted to leave a note to his family of memories I had as a young child growing up around my mother's brothers and sisters. I will always remember Uncle Johnny's twinkle in his eye, beautiful smile and black wavy hair. He loved to sing and dance and had the greatest sense of humor As a little girl, I always thought he was so handsome and so funny. He always made us laugh! I'll always remember how handsome his was coming home in his Army uniform and always had a surprise gift for us. It saddens me that we lost contact along the way, but I will cherish the good memories I have and may God rest his soul.
Sharon Carelli, Palo Cedro, CA

Sharon Rose (Dever) Carelli - July 03, 2012 at 01:18 PM

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“ *John,
Many blessings to you and your family. Kim Stafford*

Kim David Stafford - July 03, 2012 at 12:29 PM