



John Paul "Johnny" Cannizzaro

July 14, 1962 - August 23, 2016

John Paul "Johnny" Cannizzaro, 54, unexpectedly passed away at his home on August 23rd. Born and raised in the Bay Area, Johnny lived in Benicia since 1996. He worked many years as a transmission mechanic at John's Transmissions in Santa Rosa. Since 1999, Johnny worked as a Realtor with Birnbaum Realty in Benicia.

Johnny was a "First Team All League Selection" fullback for the Analy Tigers where he graduated in 1980 from Analy High School in Sebastopol. His love for football continued at the Santa Rosa Junior College in 1981.

His passion was deep sea diving, especially cave diving, with his dear friend Alex. He enjoyed snow and water sports, playing cards with his friends and coaching the girls' soccer team. His greatest joy, however, was his girls, Charlotte and Julia - they were the loves of his life.

Johnny is survived by his daughters Charlotte & Julia Cannizzaro, his former

wife Rachel Birnbaum-Bruno, sister Dena Avila (Merle) and his nephews Jonathan and David (Wendy) Avila, great nephew Phoenix Avila. Godfather to Cole Reece.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 17th at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd St., Benicia. Reception will directly follow the service at the Benicia Senior Center. Donations may be sent to <https://www.gofundme.com/2nsquba4> Go Fund Me under John Cannizzaro Memorial Fund

Tribute Wall



“ *John Paul "Johnny" Cannizzaro*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



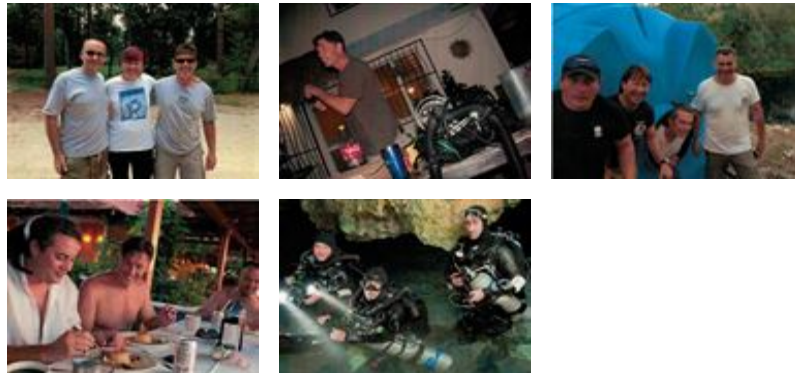
“ *I just remember his sweet smile, his kind disposition and gentle soul. I went to Analy and remember him on the football team and watched many a game as my brother played for the Tigers too. Very sad that he is no longer here. RIP John.*



Karen Washington - December 21, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - September 15, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ *Hey Johnny, may God rest you in the light of love, always. My Love to Char and Julia. Love Panchaleh*

Imperial - September 14, 2016 at 02:54 PM

MT

“ You left to soon my friend. I'm going to always remember watching our girls grow up together, coaching them in soccer and basketball, the Sunday BBQ'S, your recklessly effective basketball skills, your Walken impersonation, SNL, NBA Finals, Sunday Football, your music and movie knowledge, your check raises, your sense of humor, our rides to the airport and all the nonsense we talked about that made us appear to be super intellectuals. Its a big loss, i'll miss you bro.

Mark Tuttle - September 12, 2016 at 11:09 PM

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“ Joey O'Shea lit a candle in memory of John Paul "Johnny" Cannizzaro

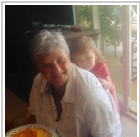


Joey O'Shea - September 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

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“ I remember John during my teaching days and Administration work at Analy. Nice young man and family. Rest with God.

Martin Webb - September 10, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ Johnny was a great guy. So sorry for the families loss. Thanks Johnny for the big smile everytime I ran into you. RIP

Nan Miraglio - September 09, 2016 at 11:48 PM

EL

“ *Where to begin ????? And why did it end... Johnny you will be missed and I will forever cherish all the great times we shared together. There was nothing like growing up on Calder ave and it wouldn't have been the same without you. The stories I could tell...and the stories I won't tell... All good. You were a great freind to me and I always appreciated that about you. Until we meet again brother.*

My condolences to your girls and family

Eric Lucas.

eric lucas - September 09, 2016 at 01:02 AM

BG

“ *Beth Garfinkel lit a candle in memory of John Paul "Johnny" Cannizzaro*



Beth Garfinkel - September 08, 2016 at 12:03 AM