



## Joseph Albert "Al" Talamantes

October 6, 1934 - November 17, 2022

Al "Fonzie" Talamantes, 88, passed away Thursday, November 17 at his home in Benicia

surrounded by his family.

Al was born to Jose and Eloisa Talamantes on October 6, 1934 in Benicia Junction and was a

lifelong Benicia resident. He was a graduate of Benicia High School Class of 1954 and worked as

a Machinist for 27 years and at Benicia Plumbing for 12 years, retiring in 1996. He was an avid

San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and Golden State Warriors fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his Father and Mother-in-law, Carl and Veta McCown;

Sister, Vera Eggman; Sisters-in-law, Dolores Soles and Janice Talamantes;

Brothers-in-law,

Carlos McCown and Ray Eggman; and Nephew, Tony Valdivia.

Survivors include his Wife of 65 years, Carlene "Veta" Talamantes of Benicia;

Daughter, Teresa

(Debbie Taylor) Talamantes of Brentwood; Sons, Vic Talamantes of Calistoga and Mike

Talamantes of Benicia; Grandchildren, Ashley (Brandon) of Redmond, OR,

Lindsay (Bill) of

Sentinel Butte, ND, Heather and Amber both of Cottage Grove, OR, and

Stephen and Allysa both  
of Benicia; Great-Grandchildren, Hunter, Paisley, Tellan, Billie and Baylee;  
Sister, Stella  
Valdivia; Brothers, John and Fred Talamantes; Brothers-in-law, Don McCown  
and John  
Valdivia; and numerous Nieces, Nephews and Godchildren.  
Visitation will be held 4 PM – 8:30 PM with a Vigil Service at 7 PM on  
Thursday, December 8 at  
Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2 nd St., Benicia. Mass of Christian  
Burial will be held 10  
AM on Friday, December 9 at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I St., Benicia.  
Burial will follow at  
St. Dominic's Cemetery, Benicia.  
Memorial contributions are preferred to the Benicia High School Athletic  
Program or the charity  
of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Dominic's Cemetery

Hillcrest Avenue & East 5th Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel  
901 W Second Street  
Benicia, CA 94510  
(707) 745-3130  
[info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com)  
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

## Vigil

DEC 8. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Benicia, CA 94510  
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## Funeral Mass

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church  
475 E I St  
Benicia, CA 94510  
(707) 747-7220

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember his Dad worked on the SP Railroad with my Dad in Martinez, CA. Very nice family...Vera, Joe Jr., etc. May Al rest in peace.

Mary Martinez - April 12, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Albert "Al" Talamantes.



December 08, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ 201 files added to the album Life Tributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - December 06, 2022 at 07:22 PM

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“ When I was eight years old my godfather (my Nino), Albert Talamantes gave me a Timex watch. I was so impressed that the gift came enclosed in its own Timex watch box. It had the traditional watch face with the second, minute, and hour hands and a silver metal stretch band. The kind of band all the men wore, and I quickly found out would pinch your wrists. It was the first present I remember receiving that was not a toy. I was proud of my gift and loved it, particularly because it came from my Nino.

My Nino was a significant figure who made quite an impact on my early childhood. Spending time with my Godfather and Godmother (my Nina) Carlene, were memorable highlights of my childhood. They took me on my first camping trip and during that trip fishing for the first time from a boat. At our large family Easter gatherings, I so clearly remember my Nino as the source of payment when I brought him found easter eggs with 5, 10, or 25 cents written on them. There were memorable moments spent with my cousin Michael Albert (his son), playing at their home, or heading out on one of our Benicia outings scavenging for adventure at Kings market, the ball field, by the bay, or at Grandmas. Often it would end with us in trouble and having to face the swift hand of justice. When staying with my Godparents justice seemed to be somewhat lopsided. From my childhood perspective, Michael always received the sternest reprimand while I was treated as an innocent follower. Those were magical, glorious childhood days. I'll always proudly remember how my Nino would introduce me to others as his godson. It truly made me feel special.

From my perspective, my godfather was a man's man. He was physically strong, and legend has it would not back down from anyone or anything (except for grandma and Nina). A man of few words and needs. He loved his family and sports. I will always cherish the days spent with him and his family and being one of the recipients of his kindness and love. I appreciated those moments when he would ask about my well-being or inquire about my life. And no matter my answer it would always conclude with a sparkle in

*his eyes and his quick burst of laughter.*

*My father whom Nino would fondly call "F", has repeatedly said he can't believe that his brother is gone. Of course, we all know and take comfort that he's been released from the physical limitations of this world and know he's experiencing glory in the highest with his momma, poppa, and Vera. Our love of family has no bounds....in this world or the next.*

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**Bill Talamantes** - December 06, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ *Darla O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Talamantes*



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**Darla O'Donnell** - December 01, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Joseph Albert "Al" Talamantes*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Albert "Al" Talamantes.*



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November 26, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Albert "Al" Talamantes.*



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November 25, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ *Rest in peace Uncle Al we all love you so much & will miss you!*



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**Carie** - November 25, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Carlene and family so sorry for your loss my thoughts are with you at this time. Bruce the hairdresser.*

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**Bruce Lynn Dinsdale** - November 22, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *My favorite Little League coach of all time is gone but not forgotten! The Talamantes family is all time great Benicians my heart goes to you! That was one tough man , a man among men!! - Julian Valdez*

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**Julian Valdez** - November 22, 2022 at 02:42 PM