



Lars "Sam" Nelson Jr.

October 24, 1937 - July 7, 2017

Lars "Sam" Nelson Jr., 79, of Benicia passed away Friday in a local hospital following a brief illness. He was born in San Francisco but lived his entire life in Benicia. Sam worked as a foreman at Yuba Manufacturing in Benicia until it closed in 1972 and later in the same position at Cofab Steel Corp. in Vallejo from 1973 until 2003. He was also a volunteer with the Benicia Fire Department from 1957-1982 before retiring as a Lieutenant. Sam also served in the United States Navy Reserves from 1955-1963.

Sam enjoyed camping, fishing, model trains and metal crafts and was a longtime member of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

He is survived by Dian, his wife of 58 years; son Greg (Toni) Nelson; daughter Kerry (William) Boykin; brothers Larry (Jeune) and Jeff (Dianne) Nelson; grandchildren Jeremy Witkowski, Ashley Livadas, Jacob Nelson, Dylan & Samantha Boykin; his dog Riley and his cat Mayhem. He was preceded in death by his daughter Mary Witkowski in 1982.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will be private at Burney Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lars "Sam" Nelson Jr.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Our family -Eddie & Sharon Bordoni, Debi (Bordoni) Florence & Denise (Timmons) Bordoni, send our deepest sympathy to you. My dad (Eddie Bordoni) talks very fondly of his days at the Yuba with Sam & his dad. Mary and I were in school together from kindergarten thru high school. May God comfort you now and in the days to come. Love, Debi Bordoni-Florence*

Debi Bordoni-Florence - August 03, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Dear Diane and family,
Our hearts and prayers are with you in the loss of Sam. Burt went to school with Sam and our daughter Kellie went to school with your late daughter Mary.
We hope this Epitaph from an old Irish Tombstone will help ease your grief...
Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal:
Love leaves a memory
No One can steal.
Our deepest sympathy is with you.
Burton and Nancy Mahoney*

Burton & Nancy Mahoney - July 13, 2017 at 08:41 AM

VC

“ Sam and my husband Richard (Dick) Carr were both in the Native Sons together and I worked many years ago with Dian at Robert Semple School. Our daughters, Kerri and Debby Boman, were best friends for many years and still are. I am so sorry for your loss.
with love, Vicky (Boman) Carr

Vicky A. Carr - July 12, 2017 at 07:45 PM

BT

“ So very saddened to hear this news of Sam's passing. Betty and Sam Teresi send heartfelt condolences to Diane, and children, grandchildren, and his brother Larry. God Bless you all in this time of grief.

Betty & Sam Teresi - July 10, 2017 at 01:07 AM

PF

“ Peggy Wanlass (Cunningham) family. purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Lars "Sam" Nelson Jr..



Peggy Wanlass (Cunningham) family. - July 09, 2017 at 02:31 PM

PW

“ Peggy Wanlass lit a candle in memory of Lars "Sam" Nelson Jr.



Peggy Wanlass - July 09, 2017 at 01:32 PM