



## Lawrence T. "Larry" Fullington Jr.

March 17, 1930 - February 11, 2021

Larry Fullington died peacefully in his sleep surrounded by family on February 11, 2021. He was an inspiration to many because he was a person who loved life and exuded warmth, compassion and caring to all who knew him. Larry was born in Birmingham, Alabama on March 17, 1930 to Lawrence Tatum Fullington, Sr. and Mary Rule Fullington. He is preceded in death by his parents and also his siblings: Albert Maus, Edward Fullington, Mary Virginia Brasseit, and William Fullington. Larry graduated from the University of Alabama in 1952, and had been an avid fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide football team. He received a Master's Degree in Business from Arizona State University and a Master's Degree in Finance from Stanford University. Larry worked as a Supervisor and Credit Manager for Chevron Corporation for 36 years. His military service was as an enlisted man with the Navy attached to the SeaBees, and in the Army he was an officer in the Anti-aircraft (Battery Commander). His

total military

time was two years of active duty and eight years in the Reserves.

Larry enjoyed being totally involved in everything he did. He had a keen interest in

national and local politics and government and was a community activist working on local

measures and propositions. He spent the last 22 years serving on various commissions for

the City of Benicia such as Chairman of the Audit & Finance Committee, Economic

Development Board and Open Government Commission. He often attended City Council

meetings and was a regular participant answering residents' questions at the Farmers

Market.

Larry was a member of the Benicia Historical Museum (Camel Barn Museum), a docent

on the Historic Home Tours for the Benicia Historical Society, (SIRS (Sons in Retirement), and

played Geezer Golf on Wednesdays. He looked forward to schussing down the slopes of

Sugar Bowl and Mt. Rose every winter since he learned to ski at age sixty eight. Always a

track star in high school and college, he prided himself on keeping physically fit by walking,

working out with weights and running up and down the steps at the 50 acre Community

Park. He was a wild man on the dance floor!!

For many years Larry was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in

Vallejo. He led the singing and the service and gave a number of sermons in

the minister's

absence. Years later, Larry attended St. Dominic's Church, and, although not a member of the

church, sang in the choir for five years. His faith in God was the cornerstone of his life.

Larry spent the last 27 years of his life enjoying the company of the love of his life, Kate

McNamara. Previously, he was married to Mary Miles Ventress from 1952 – 1962 and

divorced. He was married to Nancy Burkhart from 1964 until her death in 1992. He was the

patriarch of the Fullington family and a much loved father, grandfather, and great

grandfather. He always spoke proudly of his children Michael Gregory Fullington (Tara), Vicki

Fullington, Sheri Headley (Rhett) and Robert Burkhart (Susan) and Richard Burkhart. Of

special mention is grandson Jason Burkhart whom Larry and Nancy helped raise. Larry was

blessed with 17 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Larry's memory to the Benicia Community Action

Council (<https://www.bencac.com/donations/>), Wounded Warrior Project (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>), or to Military Bible Stick (<https://militarybiblestick.com/>).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence T. "Larry" Fullington Jr.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Tamra Amato lit a candle in memory of Lawrence T. "Larry" Fullington Jr.*



**Tamra Amato** - April 07, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Hello and a hug to Kate. Both of you were guides for the Historical Society tours at the Benicia Cemetery. And, at those tours, you two always had the best vintage attire with accessories! In 2015, during the threat of closure at the Benicia State Parks, Larry offered innovative approaches for management. He was a great conversationalist and creative thinker. I know you will miss his presence Kate, He helped to create some great memories for us all to share.*

*Carol & Bob Berman*

**Carol Berman** - February 25, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *I will never forget the kindness you showed me and my family. In particular, the kids always appreciated the attention you gave them at the Farmer's Market. Rest in Peace Larry. Your friends, Lionel, Jennifer, Graciela and Viviana Largaespada.*

**Lionel Largaespada** - February 22, 2021 at 06:06 PM

DB

“ We always enjoyed our visits with Kate and Larry. Taking walks, enjoying lunch and just visiting from Pittsburgh. Kate is a dear friend and introduced us to the love of her life. We knew immediately that our long distance friendship would endure. Larry was always smiling and upbeat and glad to visit with us. Our sympathies to the family of a wonderful person.  
*Don and Diana Bozick*

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**Diana Bozick** - February 21, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence T. "Larry" Fullington Jr..



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February 19, 2021 at 11:40 PM

SG

“ Sarah Grebe purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Lawrence T. "Larry" Fullington Jr..



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**Sarah Grebe** - February 19, 2021 at 11:32 PM

JP

“ I was saddened to learn that Larry had passed away. Larry and I go all the way back to 1963 when we worked together at Chevron in Phoenix. We became very good friends. In fact, we had an engagement party for Larry and Nancy back then. Over the years due to job moves we lost track of each other until we worked together again in the late 80's. We again went on hiatus when I was transferred until a couple of years ago when I accidentally learned that he was in Benicia and I was spending the winters months in Fairfield. So we renewed our friendship and it was as if we were never were apart. I cherish all of the wonderful times we shared and Larry will continue to have a special place in my heart. I extend my condolences to all of the family and hope you will take comfort that his was a life well lived.

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**Jerry Pollack** - February 17, 2021 at 01:33 PM

SP

“ Larry was "The Prince" of all time.

You will be missed deeply by so many. I was one of the lucky ones to have known you for a short time through my beautiful friend Kate.

Soar with the angels Larry. You will probably be the leader of the pack with your new angel friends.

Much love,  
Susan Palmer

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**Susan Palmer** - February 14, 2021 at 07:21 PM

AC

“ Larry was such an amazing neighbor and friend! We will miss him so.

-Chris and Anne Cardwell💕

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**Anne Cardwell** - February 14, 2021 at 02:34 PM

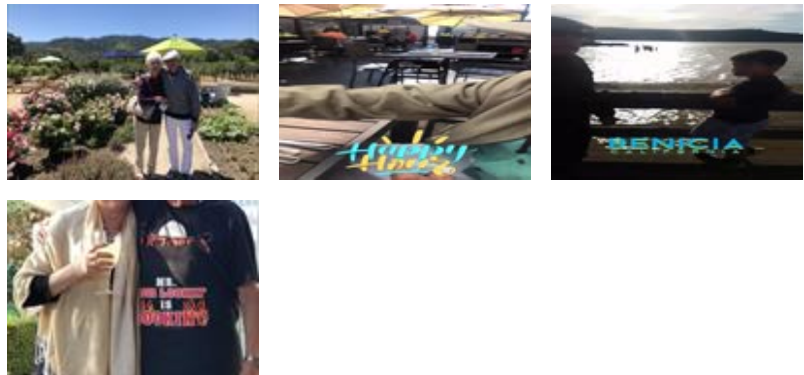
CM

“ Larry was a cheerful happy member of the Rancho Benicia Bunch, a group of senior golfers who played every Wednesday (before Corona) and socialized after the game. Larry was always upbeat and shared many life tales & jokes with his fellow golfers. I will miss him greatly and remember him fondly. Chuck Maddux

Chuck Maddux - February 13, 2021 at 04:32 PM

SW

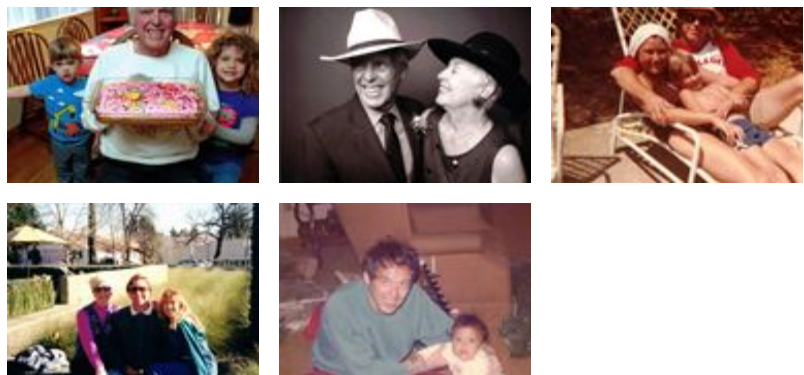
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Susan Wolfley - February 13, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - February 12, 2021 at 05:24 PM

RR

“ *My best friends...I shall sadly miss Mr. Wonderful.*

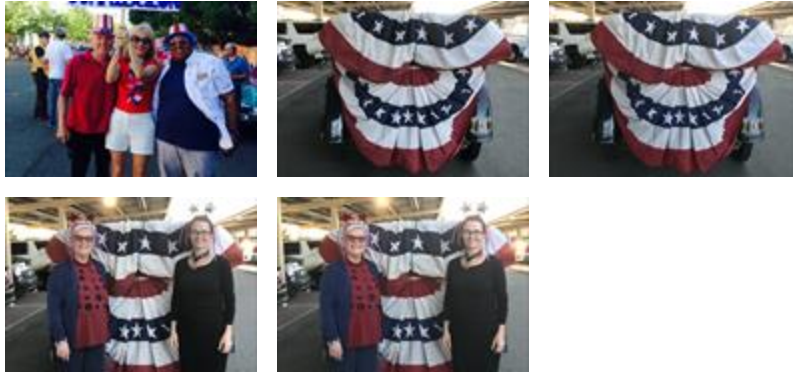


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**reed robbins** - February 12, 2021 at 03:21 PM

DE

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Donna Ernst** - February 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM

BP

“ *Hard to believe that Larry has passed, it is a sad day. He had such an enthusiasm for life in every way. He loved to dance!! He will be missed. Attached is a photo I have at our museum that is Larry and Kate with dear friends.*



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**Bev and Jim Phelan** - February 11, 2021 at 10:05 PM