



## Leroy Amadeus Howell Jr.

March 20, 1931 - February 11, 2020

Leroy A. Howell Jr., 88, of Benicia passed away peacefully Tuesday at his home in Benicia, surrounded by his children and grandchildren as he peacefully took his last breath. He was born in Tampa, Florida and spent several years in Ohio before joining the United States Navy finally settling in Benicia in 1976. He served his country during the Korean War from 1950-1954. While serving in the Navy he earned the National Defense, Navy Good Conduct, China, Korean Service, and United Nations Service Medals as well as the Combat Action ribbon.

Leroy was a longtime member of St. Dominic's Church and was an eucharistic minister. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Leroy was a private pilot for many years in addition to being the 2nd Benicia citizen police patrolman. He served as a father figure to many and was the 2nd African American ever enrolled in the Navy's electronics school during desegregation of the military. He loved working on cars, which helped drive his passion for NASCAR and his favorite driver, Jeff Gordon. He also loved watching football, with his favorite teams being the 49ers and Raiders.

Leroy is survived by his children Leroy A. (Gemma) Howell III, Carolyn Howell, Martin (Julie) Howell, Regina (Kevin) Reed, Yolanda (Matthew) Monroe; 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Juanita, son Michael and his brother Jack.

Visitation will be after 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 23rd followed by a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 24th at St. Dominic's Cemetery followed by burial with military honors at St. Dominic's Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Dominic's Cemetery

Hillcrest Avenue & East 5th Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Previous Events

## Vigil services

FEB 23. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Dominic's Church  
475 East I Street  
Benicia, CA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leroy Amadeus Howell Jr.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Bernadette, Samuel, Rachel, Sophia, & Samantha Thompson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Leroy Amadeus Howell Jr..*



**Bernadette, Samuel, Rachel, Sophia, & Samantha Thompson** -  
February 23, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Benicia Police Department Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Leroy Amadeus Howell Jr..*



**Benicia Police Department Family** - February 19, 2020 at  
07:34 PM



“ *One of the sweetest men I've been fortunate to know.  
Jeff Nurik*

**JEFFREY NURIK** - February 19, 2020 at 07:04 PM

EL

“ It was my honor to meet and care for you poppa, along with Regina and Leroy. Everyone took me in as family right away and ill forever be grateful for that! I will miss that smile you would give me when i walked into your room and say “hey poppa how are you” and you would always smile back and say fine. And when i leave i do the finger wave regina taught me and you would always do it right back to me. You and your wife raised wonderful responsible children, that stayed by your side until the very end, and I am forever thankful i was also by your side in till the very end for the last 6 months.

In till we meet again poppa ❤️

-Elyse (Lisa)

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**Elyse** - February 19, 2020 at 06:01 PM

RR

“ Daddy, it was of the highest honor, to care for you these last 20 months. And I will always treasure that time spent with you. You made me laugh, you made me cry, you filled my heart with love. You and Mom did an amazing job providing and raising six children, and I thank you for that. You have always been my hero, and words cannot describe how much I'll miss you. Rest In Peace Daddy, I l e you sooooo much!!!

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**Regina E. Reed** - February 18, 2020 at 12:49 PM

MA

“ Mittie & Fred Railsback, Dawn & Gary Antonucci purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leroy Amadeus Howell Jr..



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**Mittie & Fred Railsback, Dawn & Gary Antonucci** - February 17, 2020 at 05:42 PM

SP

“ Omg im gonna so miss his big smile,it would make my whole day so much more enjoyable.I look forward to it every day!!! I Love Your Dad So Much and will miss him Dearly.

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**Sarah pinkham** - February 16, 2020 at 01:53 PM

MM

“ I'm saddened to hear of Papa's passing but I know he is at peace and this brings comfort. He was a wonderful Father-in-law to me and a loving grandfather to my son. I loved his sense of humor and bad dad jokes. He was a kind, loving and caring man who adored his family. He was a person you looked up to and aspired to be like. He will be greatly missed by all who's lives he touched. Rest In Peace Papa. ~Mechelle McPhetridge

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**Mechelle McPhetridge** - February 16, 2020 at 01:06 PM