



## Michael Mathews

December 9, 1943 - October 11, 2021

Michael Mathews, age 77, passed away peacefully in hospital on Monday, surrounded by those he loved. A long time Benicia resident, he moved to town in the mid 70's and established his home with his wife Patricia and raised his two boys. A lover of all things boating, Michael was a board member of the Benicia Yacht Club and could often be found aboard his boat No Compromise, planning that next cruise. An active member and past president of the Benicia Lions Club, he was an avid supporter of The Lions Eye Foundation, a cause near and dear to his heart. Mike also played bocce ball on two different local teams. He reported that his teams were never in contention for the big prize, but he appreciated learning some of the more colorful words that the Italian language had to offer. A loving and supportive grandfather, Michael enjoyed the many birthday parties, graduations, and sporting events that four grandchildren can bring.

Michael is survived by his sons, Craig (married to Jan) and Chris (with partner Laura Nixon), and his grandchildren, Jacob, Anita, Kyle, and Patricia. He is also survived by his loving companion of many years, Christine Bara. Michael was preceded in death by his loving wife Patricia (1997) and his sister Maureen Harding (2016).

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, from 4:00-6:00 PM at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd Street, Benicia. The graveside service will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 1:00 PM at Benicia Cemetery, 150 Riverhill Drive, Pastor Al Marks presiding. In lieu of

flowers, the family would like contributions in the memory of Michael Mathews sent to The Lions Eye Foundation, P.O. Box 7999, San Francisco, CA 94115. Those who knew Mike can join his family at the Benicia Yacht Club for a celebration of life from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, following the service on Wed. Oct 20th.

# Cemetery Details

## Benicia Cemetery

150 Riverhill Drive  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 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>

## Graveside Service

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Benicia Cemetery  
150 Riverhill Drive  
Benicia, CA 94510

## Celebration of Life

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OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Benicia Yacht Club  
400 East 2nd Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Mathews*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - October 19, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Mike Mathews was an asset to this planet; he always had a smile, was dedicated to helping others, was "Mr. Lion" in Benicia, was an active member of the Benicia Yacht Club and will be missed. I am a better person because of my friendship with Mike. Bless you Mike, we need more people like you. Your friend, Jim Eckhardt*

James Eckhardt - October 15, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Mathews.*



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October 13, 2021 at 11:48 PM



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**Passalacqua Funeral Chapel** - October 13, 2021 at 07:01 PM