



Norman V. Gonsalves Sr.

February 19, 1931 - October 1, 2017

Norman V. Gonsalves Sr, passed away on October 1, 2017, at the age of 86 years. The son of a Portuguese immigrant and native Benician, Norm was born and raised in Benicia, California. In his teens, he was a star athlete at Benicia High and upon graduating went to work as a machinist at the Yuba. He later worked from 1963 to 1993 as a planner/estimator at Mare Island Shipyard and had only retired this May from his job of twenty-one years at St. Dominic's School.

There is no possible way to sum up the life of this great and beloved man. He quoted every sports statistic of every Bay Area player on any team (high school to professional) from the last seventy years, at least. He could fix and jury-rig everything, and did. He knew the history (all the news that's fit to print and a lot that isn't) of the town of Benicia and nearly every family in it. He worked tirelessly for the Holy Ghost Society for all of his life. He belonged to many fraternal organizations and societies including the BDES Hall Association, Benicia Holy Ghost Society, PFSA, SIRS, Native Sons of the Golden West #89, Benicia Volunteer Fire Department, Machinist Union, St. Dominic's church, YMI, and numerous Portuguese organizations throughout the area.

He had a ready smile, a story and a joke for everyone. He never let anyone down, readily helping his family and friends (and strangers too). Norm was a

carpenter and a craftsman and was happiest when he had a project to work on and when he was with his friends and family.

He is survived by his true love, Mary, his wife of sixty-eight years, his brother, Chuck his sister, Marge, and children, Nancy, Kathleen, Ken (Francine) Ronald (Jo) and daughter-in-law, Carol Gonsalves. He had fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Norm, his grandchildren Bridget Langston and Eli Gonsalves, sisters Virginia Nelson and Ernestine Saraiva, son-in-laws, Bob Langston and Bob Robertson and many other family and friends. He most likely is regaling all of them with stories about Minnie and her chickens.

Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Friday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia followed by burial in St. Dominic's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the BDES Hall Association, PO Box 1206 Benicia, CA. 94510

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **6**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **7**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Norman V. Gonsalves Sr.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



Kathleen
Krajewski

“ *I never knew met you Uncle Norm. I wish I had!*



Kathleen Krajewski - February 07, 2018 at 08:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



October 06, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Love , Your Bookclub Friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



Love , Your Bookclub Friends - October 04, 2017 at 02:12 PM



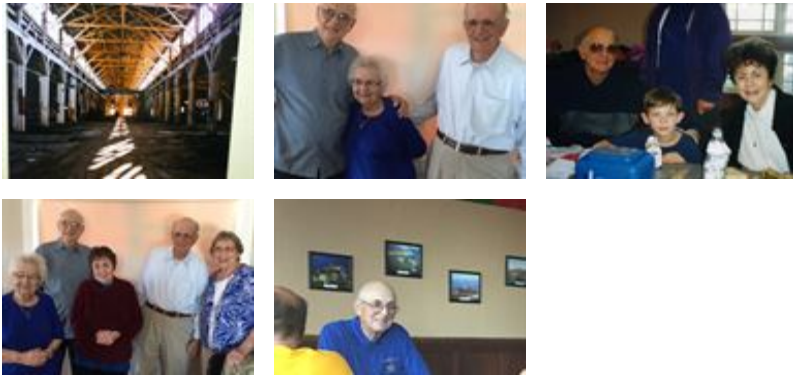
“ Marge Divelbiss & family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..



Marge Divelbiss & family - October 04, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ 136 files added to the album LifeTributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - October 04, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..



October 04, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



October 04, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



October 04, 2017 at 01:01 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



October 04, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



October 04, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



October 04, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *Love , The Bunco Babes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



Love , The Bunco Babes - October 03, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman V. Gonsalves Sr..*



October 03, 2017 at 12:25 AM

ME

“ *Benicia suffers another hard loss with Norm's passing. Norm never rested - he did his share and part of yours. He had a wealth of information about Benicia and its history and its people. His love for St. Dominic's School was outstanding and he kept it as neat as possible. The festas were great because Norm cared and nurtured them every year. The annual crab feed will never be the same.....he was so much a part of it. But we are thankful that he was there to help us along the way when we needed some Benicia info about reunion classmates or past and present citizens of this wonderful place we call home. We truly will miss you Norm - but your legacy will live on in your family and in your friends. God speed!*
Marie Earp

MARIE EARP - October 02, 2017 at 11:27 PM

DH

Dear Nancy. We never had the privilege of meeting your father. But we feel we know him in spirit. He led such a rich and fulfilling life. His compassion, love, loyalty, generosity, and commitment has been instilled in you. You and Jillian will carry on his legacy because you both have his same qualities.
Love, Darlene & Stan (Houston, TX)

Darlene Holak - October 04, 2017 at 11:13 AM