



## William C. "Will" Armell

July 20, 1955 - August 3, 2015

William C. "Will" Armell, 60, of Benicia passed away suddenly at his home. He was born in San Jose and earned his Bachelors degree in English Literature from UC Riverside. He enjoyed art, music, reading, nature and traveling to Hawaii. He loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest. Will was creatively gifted, a natural artist and writer, communicator and storyteller. He could talk to anybody about anything with intelligence and grace.

Will is survived by his wife Wendy Graves; sons Nathaniel & Nicholas Armell, Andrew Graves; and grandson, Kato Graves; his mother Nancy Childrey Armell; his siblings, sister Stephanie (Bill) Stryker, brother Robert (Helen), sister Caroline (Scott) Halstead and their children. He was preceded by his father William Clarence Armell.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *William C. "Will" Armell*

---

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I was shocked to learn that Will has passed. Will and I worked at Lithia Ford in Concord in the early 2000s. He was always fun to be around and had a great sense of humor. May his Soul RIP.*

*Joe Cassell*

---

**Joe C.** - March 22, 2016 at 03:25 PM

LZ

“ Just as others have expressed, I was stunned and saddened by Will's passing at such a young age. Although I didn't know him for a great length of time, I have many fond memories of Will...he was a sweet fun loving man.

He and his wife Wendy stayed at my home on Oahu, which was a delight. We also had a great adventure to the Big Island! I remember the day we were looking at a parcel of land, finding wild turkey feathers and hearing the story of the cattle that roamed the property at night...good fun!

I was so happy to see that Wendy had found such a loving partner in Will. My thoughts and prayers go out to the loved ones he left here on earth, but please know that his joyful strong spirit is still present among us...Will, I hope your transition was a smooth one my friend...you will be missed! A hui ho...

Warmest Aloha,  
Leslie Zimmerman  
Matt Zimmerman

---

Leslie Zimmerman - March 13, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William C. "Will" Armell.



---

August 07, 2015 at 12:03 PM

SH

“ Billy was my hangout buddy in Santa Cruz. We would walk over to the local coffee shop grab a cup of Joe, sit outside and hang.

Eventually when the clouds burned off the families would hoof down to the beach. Nick and Nate were the polar bears body surfing in the icy water for hours. My pee wee kids Aidan and Olivia would hang with uncle Billy digging in the sand.

I really liked hanging with you and really wish we had more time together.

Scott

---

**Scott Halstead** - August 07, 2015 at 09:48 AM

LG

“ Love, Kato Zion Graves purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of William C. "Will" Armell.



---

**Love, Kato Zion Graves** - August 06, 2015 at 10:03 PM

PF

“ I'm so shocked and sad to hear about Will, Billy, to me. I had the good fortune to work with him at a restaurant during his college years. Restaurant work is not generally fun but he made it a riot. He actually made me snort laugh in front of customers. How is it that some people just lift everybody up like that? I'm not sure what the gift was but it was wonderful to experience. Penny

---

**penny foley** - August 06, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - August 06, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *LifeTributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - August 06, 2015 at 12:35 PM



“ To Wendy and Will's families: I am so shocked and saddened to hear about Will's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to all of you. - Mary Lou Floyd

Mary Lou Floyd - August 06, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ My dear friend Wendy, words cannot express how sorry I am. We always had so much fun dancing at the crab feed and I'll always remember Will's great big smile. Hugs to you all.

Michele Poloka - August 05, 2015 at 06:16 PM

SR

“ *Staff of Walnut Creek Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William C. "Will" Armell.*



---

**Staff of Walnut Creek Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram** - August 05, 2015 at 03:28 PM

AP

“ *Will was the friendly face who was always smiling and making jokes with my husband at me. We enjoyed spending time with him at Mt. Diablo Legal Professional's Association meetings and talking over dinner. And also seeing him at the holiday parties. He was a kind, outgoing person and he will truly be missed by Casey and me.*



---

**Amy Palmer** - August 05, 2015 at 12:40 PM

LB

“ *To the Arnell and Graves Families,*

*My heartfelt condolences to everyone. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lucia Borgman*

---

**Lucia Borgman** - August 05, 2015 at 10:50 AM

SS

“ Wendy, I am so shocked to learn of this sad news. I am grateful for having visited Benicia and meeting you and your son and grandson, and of course enjoying a great evening with you and Will (still Bill to me). My love to you and your families.

---

**Stephen Svete** - August 04, 2015 at 10:51 PM

DB

“ It was way too early in Bill's wonderful life for him to leave. He will be missed by all of us knew him since he was a very young man and by his family who loved him. Our deepest sympathies. Dick and Rhoda Bobb

---

**Dick Bobb** - August 04, 2015 at 07:33 PM

DD

“ Wendy, my dear friend, I am so shocked to hear about Will. Whenever I saw him he always had a smile on his face, was quick to laugh, and always so friendly, making everyone feel welcomed. I know you are facing a lot right now. Just know you have many friends who are here to help you, and you need to take care of yourself, too. Sending you big hugs. I'm here if you need me. - Diana Dempsey

---

**Diana Dempsey** - August 04, 2015 at 07:07 PM

MB

“ To Wendy and Will's families -- I am deeply saddened by this news. Will was always so full of life. I did not know him well, but every time I saw him he had a big smile on his face and was always telling a story. I hope that you will take some comfort in the happy memories you have of Will. My condolences to all of you for your loss. -- Maria Bishop

---

**Maria Bishop** - August 04, 2015 at 06:44 PM