



William Joseph Telepak

May 13, 1938 - April 6, 2026

William Joseph Telepak, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and respected engineer and community member, passed away peacefully at his home in Benicia, California, on April 6, 2026, at the age of 87.

Born on May 13, 1938, in Cleveland, Ohio to William & Bernice Telepak. William was raised in Erie, Pennsylvania. He briefly attended Penn State before proudly serving his country in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1961. Following his military service, he pursued higher education at the University of New Mexico, where he earned a degree in chemical engineering.

William enjoyed a long and accomplished career as a chemical engineer spanning more than 40 years. He worked in the defense and aerospace industries with Bendix Field Engineering, contributing to significant projects including support for NASA's Gemini mission at the Nigerian tracking station. He was employed by Exxon and later contracted with Valero.

In 1976, William made Benicia his home, where he became deeply involved in the community. He was instrumental in establishing the Police Activities League (PAL) soccer program in Benicia and dedicated countless hours to coaching and officiating youth sports. His passion for athletics extended beyond the field, as he also officiated with the Northern California Golf

Association and the PGA Tour. In his leisure time, William was an avid golfer and cycling enthusiast who especially enjoyed riding his recumbent bike.

William is survived by his beloved wife of almost 65 years, Donna; his son, Jim (Lavoyne) Telepak; daughter Lori Telepak, his three grandchildren, Symantha (Lucas), Allyson, and Ashlee; and his cherished great-grandchild, Adalyn.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Beverly Baugh.

William will be remembered for his intelligence, generosity, and unwavering dedication to his family and community. His legacy of service, both to his country and his hometown, will be long remembered by those who knew and loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, at St. Dominic's Church in Benicia, followed by burial at St. Dominic's Cemetery with military honors. Services may be viewed on line at <https://youtube.com/live/00WA9Nbcbs>. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made to the Hamann Foundation. (<https://www.hamannfoundation.org>).

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dyanne Vojvoda purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of William Joseph Telepak.



Dyanne Vojvoda - May 09 at 05:37 PM

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“ Dyanne Vojvoda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Joseph Telepak.

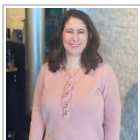
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“ From the St. Dominic Cemetery Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Joseph Telepak.



From the St. Dominic Cemetery Family - May 07 at 04:10 PM



“ Rachel McDonald lit a candle in memory of William Telepak



Rachel McDonald - May 07 at 12:48 AM

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“ *Lori lit a candle in memory of William Telepak*



Lori - May 06 at 12:21 PM