



## William "Will" Shepard Emes Jr.

December 8, 1951 - December 2, 2021

William "Will" Shepard Emes Jr. died peacefully on Thursday, December 2nd. Born to William and Rose Emes on December 8, 1951, in Oakland, California to a family eventually forming a family of five children. Will was a hard-working carpenter for over 40 years; he remodeled the family home in San Pablo over a 10-year period and turned it into a beautiful home for his wife and child. Will was a real conversationalist and loved to entertain his friends and family with his enthralling stories. He was very fond of model trains and was an active member of the Carquinez Model Railroad Society in Crockett.

Will is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Sharon, his son Matthew William, his siblings John Emes, Margaret Shepard, and Carolyn Jacobs. Will was preceded by his sister Ellen Schlegel (2004), his parents Bill and Rose and parent in-laws Edward and Marie Tscheekar. Will will be remembered as a devoted husband and father, and a man with an acute sense of justice.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on January 18, 2022, at 10:00 AM, St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia CA. Interment will be private.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Will" Shepard Emes Jr.*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM

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“ Everyone who’s ever met Will Emes, knows how much he could put smiles on everyone’s faces with his entertaining stories, jokes & engaging personality.

I’m Will’s brother in law, so I’ve had the good fortune of knowing this good man since he married my sister, Sharon Tscheekar, who then became Mrs. Sharon Emes.

Will’s good heart and carpentry skills enabled my mother and father, (both now deceased), to have tremendously benefited from Will repairing and building things in their home.

Will’s carpentry competence resulted in that strong & skilled man in fixing up his Benicia home, and improving their outdoor garden and backyard.

What impressed me about Will Emes, is his always present good heart benefited others who were helped by his kindness:

My mother’s health required her to be in and out of Hospice several times before she died.

Before my mother’s demise Will attended to her needs, frequently, every week for years.

Due to the kindness and energy Will devoted to attending to my mother’s needs, my mother’s life was enhanced; she was more comfortable and I believed Will’s assistance helped this woman who had birthed Will’s future wife, Sharon; my older brother, Michael, and myself.

Most folks are not as helpful as was Will Emes’s devotion to my mother. Will’s valued assistance blessed my mother with a better and longer life.

Thank you, Will Emes for being the good-hearted, noble man you are!

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David Tscheekar - January 15, 2022 at 12:28 AM

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*I've been out of touch with Will and Sharon for many years and I have many wonderful memories of them. They were a lovely couple and family with their son Matt. I miss Sharon and hope I can see her again. She and Will and Matt are a lovely family and I'm sure Sharon and Matt miss Will very much. Patty Datzman Gradek*

Patty Gradek - November 03, 2024 at 09:49 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - January 06, 2022 at 11:29 PM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and dad, Sharon and Matt. He was a fine man who was very proud of his family. May he Rest In Peace and may you both find comfort in memories of him.*

*With love, Pat Sawicki*

Patricia Sawicki - December 17, 2021 at 10:20 PM

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“ I remember meeting Will in his work as a community organizer a few years ago. He came to our church activity to which the public was invited to learn about community services that are available. He was running for city council and was seeking volunteers to place placards on doors of voters. The printed placards did not endorse any candidate, but merely announced the election date and reminded voters to exercise their opportunity to participate in the election.

I agreed to help him with his “get out the votes” project. He paid to have several hundred placards printed and he obtained a list of registered voters and their addresses. Will recruited two more volunteers and we distributed placards to all of the residences within a given voter precinct (several hundred homes on many blocks). A few weeks after the election, Will obtained information from the County Registrar’s office that showed the precinct we worked on had the highest percentage in Benicia for voter participation. It was a pleasure to know Will and catch some of his enthusiasm for public service. H. Cox

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Henry Cox - December 17, 2021 at 01:19 AM