



## Christopher Gonzales

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Christopher passed away peacefully on January 10, 2023. He was 71 years old.

Born and raised in San Francisco, he was the son of Lee B. Gonzales and Sarah A.

Romo, and the youngest of his six brothers and sisters. Four of his older siblings, Mary

Boostrom, Louis Gonzales, Patricia Gonzales West, and Robert Gonzales preceded

him in death. He is survived by his sister Elena Gonzales, his brother Marcus Gonzales,

16 nieces and nephews, 13 great nieces and nephews, and many cousins from his

large extended family. He will be greatly missed.

Chris was most proud of being a lifelong San Franciscan. He was an altar boy at Most

Holy Redeemer church and attended grammar school there until transferring to Saint

Brigid school where he completed the 8th grade. He then graduated from Galileo High

School.

Chris worked for several years in the San Francisco Sheriff's Department of Corrections. Later, he worked as a San Francisco Muni driver, a job that afforded him the opportunity to drive in neighborhoods of his beloved San Francisco while meeting and talking with the public. He was known for his friendly and patient manner in dealing with persons of all races, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds. He was recognized as Muni Driver of the Year in 1994, both for his skill as a safe, punctual driver and for the friendly and helpful service he gave to his passengers. Chris enjoyed his bachelor life, enabling him to travel to Europe in the 70's, 80's and 90's. He loved dancing, dating, and entertaining friends and family by treating them to expensive meals in San Francisco. He was a wine connoisseur who shared his love of wines by gifting fine wines to friends and family. He was generous, tipping anyone who provided him with good service. For several years after he retired, he ate almost daily at his favorite restaurant "Original Joes" in North Beach where the Duggan owners, Marie and John, befriended him. He became such a memorable client, well known to the staff, that a photo of him hangs in the alcove there.

He was an avid pool player, loved studying and gambling on horse races, and viewing and wagering on sports events. He loved and was proud of his large family of

siblings,  
their spouses, and their children.

Chris had many friends, but his strongest bond was with his best friend George Murray, who was like a brother to him. George supported him through his illnesses and honored Christopher's wish to be cared for at home even as Chris bravely faced his ailments of Epilepsy and Parkinson.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Dominic's Catholic Church at 10:00am February 17, 2023, located at 475 East I Street, Benicia, CA 94510. A burial service will follow the funeral mass in St. Dominic's Cemetery.

Donations to The American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) can be made in Christopher's name (<https://www.apdaparkinson.org>).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Dominic's Catholic Church  
475 E I street  
Benicia, CA 94510

*Burial to follow immediately after the Funeral Mass at St Dominic's Cemetery.*

# Tribute Wall

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Sharon Gonzales - February 14, 2023 at 11:21 AM

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“ My family and I will ever be grateful for the many fond memories we shared with Chris over the years. He was a special soul, an original. He will always be remembered for, his love of travel, living life to the full, family, friends, and San Francisco, along with his generous spirit that will shine on in our hearts.

*My family would also like to share our deepest gratitude to Chris's best friend George, another generous soul, who was there until the end for Chris and has been there for my family in recent years.*

*My family will miss Chris here on earth. May he be in Jesus's loving and merciful embrace, living his heavenly life to the full, with beloved family who have passed on before him.*

*In loving remembrance*

*Janice, Linda, Sharon, Mark, Dominic, Genevieve, Bernadette, and family*

Sharon Gonzales - February 13, 2023 at 03:22 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Christopher Gonzales Through The Years*



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**Sharon Gonzales** - February 13, 2023 at 03:11 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Christopher Tribute Photos*



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**Erika Sutinen-Gonzales** - January 27, 2023 at 07:36 PM

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*Lovely photo of a beautiful family.*

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**Sharon Gonzales** - February 13, 2023 at 07:03 PM

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“ 43 files added to the album *Christopher Gonzales Through The Years*



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**Erika Sutinen-Gonzales** - January 26, 2023 at 08:24 PM