

L I F E W E L L L I V E D

A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure.

M E M O R I A L C O N T R I B U T I O N

In remembrance of Mitchell's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the Benicia Police Officers Association or Sutter Health.



<https://sutterhealth.donordrive.com>

Honoring

THE LIFE OF



JOHN F. SILVA

January 30, 1935 - January 11, 2025

"Be Nice to People, Be Kind, Love Everyone"

Service: Tuesday, 21st of January, 2025 at 11:00 AM.
Northgate: 2201 Lake Herman Road, Benicia, CA 94510

O B I T U A R Y

John F. Silva passed away early Saturday morning in Vacaville. He was born in Suisun but has called Benicia his home for more than 80 years. John graduated from Benicia High School in 1954 and attended U.C. Berkeley. He joined the United States Air Force when he was 21 years old and served from 1954-1958

He graduated from the FBI National Academy at the University of Virginia in 1978. Following his discharge was a member of the Benicia Reserve Police Officers in the mid 50's. He spent a year working as a police officer in Davis before coming back to his hometown where he worked from 1959-1987. He achieved the rank of Deputy Chief before retiring in 1987. John also was City Manager for the City of Benicia from 1978-1987. He was actually Deputy Chief of Police, City Manager and Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Benicia, all at the same time from 1978-1987.

John was a member of the Benicia City Council from 1988-1996 and a member of the Solano County Board of Supervisors. He was re-elected twice and served as either chairman or vice chairman several times.

John was a member of many civic organizations and has earned multiple accolades from several associations including: National Association of Counties Justice and Public Steering Committee; Association of Bay Area Governments; San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), Bay Area Air Quality Management District; Chairman of the California Association of Counties Justice Committee; City of Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District; the Solano County Water Agency; Fouts Springs Youth Facility; Goodwill Industries of the East Bay; Benicia Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club of Benicia; Benicia Lions Club; Institute of Preventive Medicine, Sutter Solano Medical Center; Solano County Fair Association, and Partnership Health Planet of California.

One of his biggest accomplishments was his involvement in developing a program in to ensure health insurance for all kids, achieving a level of 96% coverage for children in Solano County. The fundraising efforts of John and many others in Solano County were recognized by the State of California.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, camping and spending time at their place in Graeagle, CA.

John is survived by his son Rick (Deanna) Silva; grandchildren, Amber (Nathan) Clemons, Crystal O'Connell, Stacy Silva, Jonathon McGuire; and great grandchildren Colton, Clayton, Abigail, Grant, Drew and Isabella. He was preceded in death by Janice, his wife of almost 65 years in 2021 and his grandson John F.G. Silva in 2022.

O R D E R O F S E R V I C E

AIR FOCE HONORS PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

WELCOME

Pastor Lawrence Davis

PRAYER

Pastor Lawrence Davis

EULOGY

Crystal O'Connell (Granddaughter)

SHARING

Viola Robinson (Friend)

Rick Silva (Son)

Deanna Silva (Daughter-in-Law)

Crystal O'Connell (Granddaughter)

Colton Silva (Great Grandson)

Amber Clemons (Granddaughter)

HOMILY

Pastor Lawrence Davis

LIFE IN PICTURES

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Pastor Lawrence Davis

T H A N K Y O U

Thank you for sharing in the celebration of Mitchell's life.

Our whole family appreciates your support.

The Silva Family