



## Burky H. Worel

December 29, 1947 - August 12, 2024

Burky Hindman Worel, 76, was called to eternal rest on August 12, 2024 at his home in Vallejo, California.

Born December 29, 1947 in Berkeley, California to John Lawrence & Lottie Lucille (Hindman)

Worel, he was the youngest of four children. After graduating from Saint Vincent's High School

in Vallejo, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. After the Army, he became

a Vallejo Police Officer and found time to complete his BA at the University of California at

Davis. After a 29 year career, he retired from the Vallejo Police Department in 2002. He served

on the Vallejo Unified School Board as member and president for 10 years, and the Vallejo

Police Officers' Association as member and president.

His smile, sense of humor and unmistakable enthusiasm stayed with him his entire life. In his

younger years he loved skydiving and whitewater rafting, with a highlight being a private 14 day

trip rafting the Grand Canyon. He passed his love of whitewater rafting, hiking and backpacking

to his bonus nieces Nichole & Dixie. He also became an avid cruiser with many trips all over the globe, though Alaska was his favorite destination.

Burky is survived by his brothers Lanny (Andi) Worel of San Antonio, Texas; Larry Worel of Tillamook, Oregon; many nieces and nephews including his bonus nieces Nichole (Zach) Smith of Pulaski, Tennessee and Dixie (John) Whitten of Mesa, Arizona.

He was predeceased by his parents, John "Jack" Worel, Lottie "Lou" Lucille Worel, his sister

Eleanor Marek, and long time companion Teresita "Tessie" Dumalag.

There are no services planned. Burky will be missed greatly by his family and friends. Please

honor him by enjoying a sunset, quiet dinner with friends and loved ones or donate to your favorite charity.

"We are all reminded of how short life is, and how we are all just passing through..."

Arrangements and Cremation entrusted to Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo, CA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Burky was devoted to Vallejo! He will be missed! Condolences to his family!*

John Osborne - December 11, 2024 at 10:14 PM

MH

“ *i misspelled his name accidentally.*

marian hopwood - December 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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“ *i knew burly when i worked for the superintendent of schools. he had a great sense of humor which continued after he left the school board while friends on facebook. i graduated with his sister eleanor in '61. sadly i was unaware she too had passed. i was friends with his companion tessie and socialized at filipino events. may he rest in eternal peace now. my condolences to the family.  
marian argonza hopwood*

marian hopwood - December 10, 2024 at 07:27 PM

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“ *Thank you for your service Burky. I appreciate your friendship and your support of Vallejo youth/students. May you rest in peace!  
Your friend,  
Rozzana Verder-Aliga*

Rozzana Verder-Aliga - October 04, 2024 at 01:03 PM

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“ *Burly, may you rest in peace.*

VPD 359 - September 12, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Lanny Worel - September 05, 2024 at 08:07 AM

TB

*I have been trying to find him the unkonwn team (Burly)with no help for years. Easter eve 1973. I was in the Navy, 19 and being assaulted in the dark at M&M Liqour lot Lemon & Sonoma by 4 teens he and partner flew in sirens on and saved my bacon and gave me 10 minutes to get me on the Hwy s. to San Jose & outta town to safety. Who was his partner that night Please VA wants facts and I can't get them. Terry B 209 289-8282 what a great guy he turned into. Anyone that was a close friend on force?? Disabled Vet.*

Terry J Bohme - December 07, 2024 at 03:49 AM

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*It is an understatement that Burky gave his time and support for the city he loved. Burky was a dedicated citizen and honorable member of Vallejo. His time with the police department, as a peace officer, and as elected official for the Vallejo Board of Education, are two areas of his life where he withheld nothing but dedication to peace and embracing all the students of our public schools toward reaching their very best. There is no other personality like Burky! He will be remembered for a long time. May his spirit rest in God's glory! Amen!*

*Tony Ubalde, School Board Colleague and Police Chaplain*

Tony Ubalde - December 14, 2024 at 04:59 PM