



## Henry Edward Dever, Jr.

July 31, 1935 - June 16, 2023

HENRY EDWARD DEVER, JR.

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Henry "Hank" Edward Dever Jr., 87, passed away on June 16, 2023, in Napa, CA. He was born on July 31, 1935, in Benicia, CA, to Henry E. Dever Sr. and Anna M. Dever. Hank was a God-loving man who instilled his values in his family and friends.

Hank served in the Active Army & Reserve Service from 1955 to 1963. After his military service, he began his career at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in 1952 when he was accepted into their Apprenticeship Program, achieving Master Plumber & Pipefitter status. In 1961, he started a steady rise in leadership levels, promoted to Foreman, General Foreman, Senior General Foreman, Pipe Shop 56 Superintendent, and finally to Structural Group Superintendent, the top spot in his trade. Hank worked on the 1st nuclear submarine, received multiple "Superior Accomplishment Awards," organized and managed the Ship Work Control Organization, led the NavSea Audit Team for Ship Safety, and was selected as the NCAA Manager of the Year. No matter what position he held, he never forgot that the people working on Mare Island were their most valuable resource. He always said that "Pride is what compels a man to do his best work, in the safest way, even when no one was

looking."

After retiring, Hank enjoyed volunteering three days a week at the Catholic Charities Dining Room in Northern Nevada. He loved spending time with his family and watching baseball and car racing.

Hank is survived by his children: Henry E. Dever III - son (Debbie), Shannon R. Dever-Barkley - daughter (Jerry), Mark A. Dever - son (Shelley), Alecia L. Dever - daughter, and Jeffery A. Dever - son, along with 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Sharon R. Carelli and his sister Patricia Marques. Hank was preceded in death by his wife, Clara A. Dever, his father, Henry E Dever Sr., his mother, Anna M Dever, his sister, Barbara Saker, and his brothers, Rodger Dever and Daniel Dever.

A Catholic Prayer Service will be held on July 7 at 11 AM in the Mausoleum Chapel at All Souls Cemetery, 550 Glen Cove Road, Vallejo. Burial will be private.

Cremation and arrangement entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapel Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. [www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com](http://www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road  
Vallejo, CA 94591  
(707) 644-5209

# Previous Events

## Catholic Prayer

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

SB

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Sue Bennett - July 30, 2023 at 05:17 PM

SB

*Kenny, Sue and Hank at Louie's in Reno*

Sue Bennett - July 30, 2023 at 05:18 PM

MK

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Michael Kennedy - July 03, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Henry Edward Dever, Jr..



July 03, 2023 at 02:47 PM

BC

“ *Hank Dever was one of the first nuclear production supervisors I met when I was hired into the Nuclear Power Division in Mare Island in 1962, and I recall liking him immediately, mainly because he was a 'tell it like it is guy'. When you dealt with Hank, he got right to the point of an issue, so that it could get resolved, and the job could move on.*

*Hank retained that same character, which I recognized again earlier this year, when I was fortunate to lunch with him along with some of the other 'Survivor' Mare Island Nukes at the Old Sardine Can in Vallejo.*

*God bless you Hank, for making our jobs more tolerable.*

*Bruce Christensen; Nuclear Engineer*

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**Bruce and Sharon Christensen** - July 03, 2023 at 02:18 PM

CK

“ *My heartfelt sympathy & condolences to the Dever family in your loss of Henry Dever (Buda) I grew up knowing the Dever family in Benicia & extended members of Dever family as well as friends with his sister Pat. We always called him Buda. May God give the Dever family extra strength to get thru this difficult time of Buda's loss and as they grieve adjusting to life without his presence. Rest in peace Buda*



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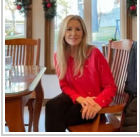
**Carol King** - June 25, 2023 at 10:53 PM

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*Thank you for sharing this. Many of the family still call him Buda. 🙏❤️*

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**Andrea Rose Dever Barkley Arocha** - June 27, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *It is hard to just make one comment about Hank Senior as There are so many wonderful things you to say and memories that he is a part of... Let just say he was a man of great integrity that I looked up too and admired . His generosity, his giving nature to give back and help others just showed how big of heart he had. , his unique sense of humor was always on full display. He instilled all these traits in his children but none more evident than in his oldest who carries on his name. I will miss him, ! Rest in Peace Hank Senior !! Love Debbie Ann*

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**Debbie Scott** - June 23, 2023 at 09:53 PM

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**Andrea Rose Dever Barkley Arocha** - June 27, 2023 at 08:43 PM



*Hank Senior is really Hank Junior .... I guess I gave him the honorary titled of his Dad.. Still hard to believe I won't be hearing him say " how are you doing "little Lady" any time soon. Always in our hearts never forgotten.*

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**Debbie Scott** - July 05, 2023 at 06:32 PM



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**Debbie Scott** - June 23, 2023 at 09:12 PM

MK

*you the man Hank*

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**Michael Kennedy** - July 03, 2023 at 07:54 PM

SB

*This is very sad news and so sorry for your loss. Hank was a dear friend for many years beginning in Redding at Kenny's Seafood restaurant. We immediately connected talking about Vallejo and people we knew. He became a mentor to me as I would often seek his sage advice on personal issues, and he always sent me in the right direction. In fact, it was Hank who reconnected me with Kenny after 20 plus years apart. I know he is smiling in heaven for that connection. I also know there are many folks he helped though out his life, and there is no one like Hank.*

*Happy heavenly birthday dear friend.....you are missed.*

*Sue Bennett*

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**Sue Bennett** - July 30, 2023 at 03:11 PM

HL

“*Dad would walk to work across the Mare Island bridge so Mom would have a car. Fittingly we walked off 38 years later same bridge his last day.*”

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**Hank Dever III** - June 22, 2023 at 09:18 PM