



## James L. Leite

April 23, 1959 - February 8, 2013

James L. Leite, 53, of Vallejo passed away at his home Friday morning with his wife, two daughters, sister and brother at his side. He was a very strong man and fought bravely in a two-year battle against leukemia. He was born in Oakland and lived all over California throughout his life, settling in Vallejo in 1986 when he got married and started his family.

He served in the Navy on the USS David R. Ray destroyer from 1977 through 1980. He held many different jobs from construction, roofing, welding, landscaper, and building winery caves to becoming a machine operator for over 27 years. He worked his last five years with Collotype Labels in Napa.

Jim was an all-around athlete and outdoorsman. In high school he excelled at football, baseball, and track. As an adult, he loved playing softball, soccer, kickball, and bowling. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and he enjoyed riding his motorcycle, camping, and playing at the beach.

His greatest passion was coaching soccer. He coached multiple teams for his daughters and nieces, both recreational and competition. For the past 20 years, he was the head coach for the Bruins' varsity soccer teams at St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School. He also helped coach the water polo and ladies' softball teams over the years.

Jim is survived by his wife Rene'; children Jamie Friedman, Leilani and Rosann Leite, Jennifer Nichols, and Eric, Clayton and Cheyenne Tucker; grandchildren Peyton Dingman, Taylor Balk, Robert Morgan, James Ristovski, and Aurora Smith; brothers Greg , Andy, David and Daniel Treadway; and sisters Leilani Bulik, Shelley Lauer, Lauri Thurston, and Donna Cloudas.

Jim had a huge heart and touched many people's lives. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Visitation will be on Friday, February 15th, from 3-7 p.m. at Twin Chapels Mortuary on Tennessee Street in Vallejo. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 16th, at St. Basil's Church in Vallejo. Burial will be private. Reception will follow the funeral - location to be announced. If you would like to make a food donation for the reception, please contact Phyllis Gairan at (925) 890-1206.

If you would like to make a monetary donation in Jim's memory, the family would like them made to the St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School Women's Soccer Program c/o St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School, 1500 Benicia Road, Vallejo.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 552-6696  
twinchapels@aol.com

## Service

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Basil's Catholic Church  
1230 Nebraska Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 644-5251

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rene' & Family*  
*On behalf of your St. Basil community, may our prayers continue to sustain and comfort you. God bless the Leite family.*  
*Deacon Errol Kissinger*

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**Errol Kissinger** - February 18, 2013 at 11:51 AM

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“ *Renée and family,*  
  
*We are grieved that Jim is no longer with us, and we know how long a struggle his illness has been for you and your family. You are the best neighbors ever, even after you moved. Jim was a good friend, and Ron so enjoyed hanging with him. He'll be missed.*

*Ron and Sheila Sousa*

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**Ronald P. Sousa** - February 14, 2013 at 12:15 PM

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“ *To Rene' and your family, I was so sorry to hear that Jim lost his battle. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the happy memories always stay in your thoughts and hearts! Rest in peace Jim <3.*

*Sincerely,*  
*Kristy Breiten*



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**Kristy** - February 12, 2013 at 10:41 PM

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“ I enjoyed working with Jim at fp and colloytype He would awaws say I love my job and its a beautiful day so sorry for loss. Ron Swanson of sequim wa

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**ron swanson** - February 12, 2013 at 12:27 PM