



John P. Val

February 28, 1932 - May 25, 2013

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John Val, native of Pireaus, Greece and long time Vallejo resident, died at home on Saturday, May 25, after a heroic fight with renal-cell cancer and heart complications.

John immigrated to the United States in 1957. He graduated from Northrop Institute of Technology in 1960 with a B.S. in aeronautic engineering and made a career as a senior analyst in data processing for over 50 years, including employment at IBM, C&H Sugar and later retiring from Napa Valley College. He was a member of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church where he served on the Parish Council as Treasurer and Vice President. John thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at the Queen of the Valley Medical Center, earning his 10 year service pin this year.

John was known for his soft-spoken mannerisms and his kindness towards everyone he encountered. Most of his life centered around his faith, his family, and his friends, especially his two cherished grandchildren who gave him extra joy up until his final days.

He also loved classical music, his rose garden and reading about history and current events.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Stephanie (Pavlatos) Val; his daughters, Elayne and Jeanette Valassopoulos; his son-in-laws, John Vargas

and Grant Dinsdale; his two grandchildren, Sebastian and Chloe Dinsdale, and his sister, Dr. Catherine Imbert of Lyon, France.

A Trisagion evening service will be held on Thursday, May 30, at 7 p.m., and a Funeral will be held Friday, May 31, at 11 a.m., both at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 1224 Alabama St., Vallejo. Burial will follow at All Souls Catholic Cemetery, Vallejo. Visitation will be held 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday at the Church.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, or the John S. Pavlatos Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Ernie Giotinis, 6 Soho, Belmont, CA 94002

Please visit the online tribute at www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com. Arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary (707) 552-6696.

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Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church
1224 Alabama Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Service

MAY 30. 7:00 PM (PT)

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church
1224 Alabama Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (PT)

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church
1224 Alabama Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Tribute Wall



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Dr Cathy Valassopoulos-Imbert - June 02, 2013 at 12:44 PM

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“ Dear Stephanie, Jenny and Elayne,

My kids and I deeply regret that we cannot attend the funeral of our adorable John and escort him and be mutually consoled. However, even from afar we will be near to you through prayer.

God soothe his soul and give to the whole family the elevational consolation.

We wish you to live in good health and keep his memory alive.

We address our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences

Cathy Valassopoulos-Imbert and her children Lela and Jean-Pi

Cathy Valassopoulos-Imbert - May 30, 2013 at 01:42 PM

“ My dearest and beloved brother John,

With pain of soul I recollect your virtuous life. Your heart was overflowing with love for God and neighbor, for each fellow man. You knew very well that it emanates from God and returns to God, who is the immense Ocean of love.

You offered this Love generously not only to your intimate friends but to every fellow who came near to you. You were the Good Samaritan who helped and stood by each pained and afflicted person and this from your lower age. Your feelings of solidarity and love for others were genuine and you were identified in this. You knew that love for others is “the root, the source and the mother of everything”, as we were taught by Saint John Chrysostom. With immense gratitude we, me and my children, retrace your generosity and affection.

With great admiration I reminisce about your great modesty and humility despite your tremendous knowledge and your family origins.

Every one of us will keep in our memory your angelic look, wide smile and your boundless kindness.

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Let thy Eternal Memory.

With crush of heart and with unwavering faith in eternity.

Your sorrowful sister, your niece Lela and your nephew Jean-Pi



“ Dear Uncle John,

I will always remember your generosity, your elegance, your talent for foreign languages with such precision after so many years being without practice and many others ...

I also remember the first time I met you when you came to Greece in 1980 with a luggage filled with gifts from the USA (discs Disneyworld, some special rocket with which I played throughout the summer). I thought it was some kind of a summer "Santa Claus!"

I will never forget your presence and your kind words to Lela and to me when we lost our father. You told us at that time comforting words and so strong that we felt we had a second father.

There are so many examples of your humanity, generosity and bravery so we have many good memories to remember and examples to follow, despite the sadness of your loss.

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Your nephew,

Dr Ioannis IMBERT-VALASSOPOULOS

Ioannis IMBERT-VALASSOPOULOS - May 30, 2013 at 09:13 AM

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“ Dearest Uncle John,

? will always keep in my heart the deep love that you gave me, that special relationship we had and filled my soul.

? am very proud of you, of your personality which was for me a Light in my life. You have been for me not only my favorite Uncle but also Protector and Guide, especially when I lost my father.

My heart is full of memories of the good times we have spent together.

I will never forget the immense joy I felt to be your grandchild's godmother, my adorable Chloe-Marianthi, daughter of my beloved cousin Jenny.

I still remember your great joy to brew her christening and me being with you and telling me how happy you were that I would make acquaintance with my cousins and my aunt.

**YOU WILL REMAIN ALWAYS ALIVE WITHIN MY SOUL
WITH ALL MY GRATITUDE**

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Lela IMBERT-VALASSOPOULOS - May 30, 2013 at 09:07 AM

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“ Dr Denise and Jean GIFFON- Lyon- France purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of John P. Val.



Dr Denise and Jean GIFFON- Lyon- France - May 30, 2013 at 08:33 AM

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“ *Dad, I am forever grateful for all your love and support you have always shown me throughout my life. I will do my best to take care of mom and raise your two "cookies" by your loving example. I know you are at peace. Until we meet again,
Your "jennithouthi", Jeanette Mariann*



jenny valassopoulos - May 29, 2013 at 06:02 PM