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Former Vallejo City Councilman, Michael Joseph Palmaffy, 82, passed away unexpectedly Monday, November 26, 2018 at David Grant USAF Medical Center on Travis AFB in Fairfield following a sudden heart attack.

Mike was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. He joined the US Navy in 1955 and served for 22 years, mainly in the submarine service. His tours of duty took him from coast to coast, Hawaii, and Europe. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling back to Germany and Scotland. He was transferred to Mare Island in 1971 where he and his family lived until 1977. Following his retirement from the US Navy he worked at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard until 1993, and then was an Administrative Aide for Solano County Supervisor John Silva for 11 years.

He had a love of public service and was dedicated to his community. In addition to being a Vallejo City Councilman, Mike was on the City of Vallejo Beautification Committee and the Greater Vallejo Recreational District Board of Directors. Mike coached the boys baseball team at St. Vincent's Elementary School, managed bingo at St. Patrick's High School for many years and served on the St. Patricks' High School Board of Regents. He was active in the Lions Club, Sons of Italy, Elks Club, and the Submarine Veterans of Mare Island.

Mike was a Senior Volunteer for the Solano County CHP. During his six years of volunteer service, he received the Senior Volunteer of the Year award for his unwavering commitment. He participated in educating the community such as the Drive Safe-Drive Smart program for seniors and the annual Toys for Tots drives.

He loved stamp collecting, restoring old steamer trunks, golf, Blue Grass, Scottish, and Irish music and attended many festivals. He led by example and showed what a difference one person can make by their actions. He had a unique sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him, most of all by his family.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth "Betty" (nee Buechter), his children Michelle M. Palmaffy, Michael J. (Amy) Palmaffy II, Patricia A. Huvane, and Susan L. (Tracy) Billington, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary Palmaffy, brother Chris, son John, and son-in-law Paul T. Huvane.

A memorial mass followed by Military honors will be held at 12 noon on Friday, December 14 at Saint Basil the Great Catholic Church, 1200 Tuolumne St., Vallejo. Inurnment will be private at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, California.

In Lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's name can be made to United Submarine Veteran's Charitable Foundation, USSV -CF -General Fund, P.O. BOX 3870, Silverdale, WA 98383—3870: CHP 9-11 Foundation, 2244 N State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92831: St. Patricks/St. Vincents HS, 1500 Benicia Rd, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Cremation and arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 14. 12:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *First of all My Belated Condolences to the family.*



I don't get the newspaper so I was unaware that Mr. Palmaffy passed. I have been walking my dogs past his house for the past 20+ years and my dogs always loved to stop and get a good scratch and pet. Not the same dogs, but the same happiness to see him when he was out working on the yard.

I started to notice I was missing him, then the truck was gone, so I had to start researching to find out what happened. For some reason I could not find any neighbors out to ask.

I already miss our almost daily chats about the dogs, he was a very nice man and I am grateful to have known him.

Angela

ANGela Young - February 09, 2019 at 06:49 PM

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“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on Michael’s passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for Michael’s service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, “Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country.”

“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.”

2 Thessalonians 3:16.

Palmaffy, Michael J., ET1(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol. Fair Winds and Following Seas to our departed shipmate. Michael’s record is posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website.

*I have one consolation that lives with me today.
That God is near to them, in his own special way.
So God in all Your mercy, keep near Thyself the soul,
Of every Submariner, still on his final patrol.*

*Lord, this departed shipmate with Dolphins on his chest
is part of an outfit known as the best.
Make him welcome and take him by the hand.
You’ll find without a doubt he was the best in all the land.*

*So, heavenly Father add his name to the roll
of our departed shipmates still on patrol.
Let them know that we who survive
will always keep their memories alive.*

*Rev. Ray Fritz, Acting National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.
Carolina Piedmont Base, USSVI*

Chaplain Ray Fritz - December 19, 2018 at 01:44 PM

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“ My favorite memories of Mike are when he came out to Nebraska for a visit several years ago and watched many of our baseball games (my oldest son, Derek was playing then and I was the coach)..we got to know him a lot better and learn more about his passion for baseball, community, and life...Also, am very glad that Betty and Mike were able to attend my aunt's (Elaine) 80th birthday celebration in San Diego...where all four Buechter sisters were in attendance..was great to see both of them and talk in an informal setting with many family members and friends..a life well-lived, Mike..

Dan Hutchison - December 16, 2018 at 07:32 AM