



## Orvis Larsen, Jr.

November 26, 1939 - February 17, 2016

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Alamo, CA, formerly of Pinole, CA

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Our beloved husband, daddy and grandpa, OrvisLarsen Jr. passed away on February 17, 2016 at the age of 76.

He was born on November 26, 1939 in Marquette, Nebraska to Orvis & Bernice Larsen. At the age of 10 he moved to Central City, Nebraska where he completed his schooling, graduating from Central City High in 1957. He excelled in both academics and sports. He participated in football, basketball and baseball. As the star pitcher of the American Legion baseball team, his team from a small rural town won the state Championship. He is a member of the Central City High Hall of Fame. He always said that Central City was the best place to grow up.

In 1958, he married his high school sweetheart, Janet Hruza. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He remained a lifetime fan of the Nebraska Cornhusker football team. After graduation, he moved with his wife and two children, Robin & Mitch, to California where he began working for Chevron Research in Richmond. A few years later, they moved to Pinole, CA and their third child, Hollie was born. He continued working for Chevron for 38 years in Richmond, San Francisco and Melbourne, Australia. After 3 years of working for Chevron

in Australia, he and Jan made their home in Alamo, CA where he finished his career in San Ramon. In his retirement, he enjoyed simple things like playing guitar, listening to bluegrass music, golfing, going on walks, and spending time with his grandchildren and watching their many sporting events.

He was a quiet, humble and gentle man, loved and admired by many. His intelligence, quick-wit and sense of humor stayed with him until the end. He always had a smile, a twinkle in his eyes and a thumbs up for his family and friends to encourage them.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jan, and his children, Robin Larsen (Steve), Mitch Larsen (Joyce) and Hollie Lehman (Jeff) and his grandchildren, Matthew Larsen, Katelyn Lehman, Shelby Lehman, and Lindsey Lehman. He is also survived by his brother, Tom Larsen, sister, Shelley Blodgett and brother-in-law, Doug Hruza (Louise) and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him. He was predeceased by his parents, Orvis & Bernice Larsen and his in-laws, John & Mylda Hruza.

A Memorial service will be held on March 11th at 12 pm at Tulocay Chapel in Napa, CA. (411 Coombsville Rd. Napa, CA) Funeral services arranged by Twin Chapels Mortuary in Vallejo, CA. (707) 552-6696. [www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com](http://www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com)

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made "In memory of Orvis Larsen" to Central City American Legion Baseball Fund, c/o Merrick Foundation, 1532 17th Ave. Central City, NE 68826.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 11. 12:00 PM (PT)

Tulocay Cemetery  
411 Coombsville Road  
Napa, CA 94559

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orvis Larsen, Jr..*



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March 09, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *Dear Janet and Family, Our family is sharing your sorrow. Sonny was such a kind, generous person, especially to our father, Eddie Larsen. We remember Sonny flying all the way from California to attend our father's funeral in 1993. I have a copy of the lyrics Sonny wrote for the song he composed to honor Dad. How special, just like Sonny! We're grateful for Sonny's life and for your loving and supportive family who are comforting and there for each other during this difficult time. Please know we're keeping you all close in heart and mind during Sonny's memorial service on March 11 and in the coming days.*

*With love, Gail Larsen Khasawneh*

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**Gail Larsen Khasawneh** - March 08, 2016 at 01:50 PM



*WE SEND ALL OUR LOVE TO YOUR FAMILY GAIL SAID IT ALL IN HOW WE FELT ABOUT SONNY LINDA AND DARREL*

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**LINDA AND DARREL** - March 09, 2016 at 08:27 PM