

Branko Baliya

April 28, 1932 - December 20, 2014

Napa resident Branko Baliya passed away at his home Dec. 20, 2014, after a lengthy illness. A native of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, born April 28, 1932, he fled the oppression of the Tito regime as a young man, settling in Napa in 1960. He was a skilled machinist and worked at Kaiser Steel for several years until their closing. In retirement he worked part time for A&T Golf Carts as well as serving as a friend and mentor assisting others with custom machining and challenging auto repairs. In past years he had enjoyed bowling. Survivors include his wife, Marija; sons Daniel (Lainie) of Napa and Dean of Napa; grandchildren Rachael (Matthew) Knight of Georgia, Steffan (Annie) Baliya of Idaho, Kristina and Haley of Napa. He is also survived by a great-grandson, Luca Knight, also special thanks to granddaughters Alecia and Mya Alvarez of Napa for helping care for him. He was predeceased by his parents, Skiber and Stefanija Baliya, and a granddaughter, Chloe. Donations in his memory to the American Cancer Society have been suggested.

Service:

Napa, CA

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

No services are planned.

Tribute Wall



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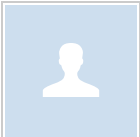
“ *Branko Balija*

November 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. He and Maria were good people who took me in when I had no where to go for a short.*

January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I first met Branko in 1964 when I started my machinist apprenticeship at Kaiser Steel and worked with him there for seven years; at the shop everyone wanted to be "Boss" --- Branko told me that that was one thing that he had no illusions of attaining, because he was a foreigner; how ironic that he finally became not just a "boss", but the shop superintendent, a job he capably held for many years. I started my own machine shop three years after I left Kaiser, and after Branko retired, I had the extreme pleasure and honor of employing him at my shop for a busy season; he was nothing short of the best at his trade, and a very good friend of mine for over forty years, I will miss him greatly.*

December 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM