

Local Deaths

Gerald 'Jerry' Robbins

Sept. 24, 1952 - Sept. 25, 2018

We have lost a truly good man; a kind, funny, determined husband, father, brother and friend. Jerry Robbins passed away at home, surrounded by love, one day after his 66th birthday and after three years of living life to the fullest following a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.



Jerry was born in Chelsea, Mass., to Margaret and Jacob Robbins, M.D., the third of three children. His family soon moved to a new "suburb" in Levittown, Long Island. Jerry fondly remembered spending his early years in this haven of street games, summer swimming and winter snowmen.

In 1960 the family traveled cross-country to start afresh in Castro Valley where some family members still reside. Not only did the Castro Valley public-school system serve Jerry as a springboard to higher education, it also helped him forge lifelong friendships, including with "the men." This group of male pals formed the backbone of an extended network of friends who enjoyed making Super 8 movies, playing sports and creating the talent show band Jerry led as James Brown for the Class of 1970 Senior Show. "The men" thrive to this day.

Jerry graduated in 1974 from UC Davis with a degree in history. In 1978, he completed a Master of Urban Planning degree at University of Washington.

Jerry had a proud and accomplished career in urban and transportation planning that spanned almost four decades. After working for both the Alan. M. Voorhees

and Wilbur Smith and Associates consulting firms, Jerry moved on and up at the City of San Francisco. In his work there, Jerry was instrumental in projects ranging from "Don't Block the Box," to facilitating parking at Union Square during the busy holiday shopping season. One long-time tradition was heading into San Francisco the day after Thanksgiving, to oversee a smooth parking operation for merchants and their customers. He worked successfully with BART, Muni, Caltrain and other agencies. He served as liaison to the San Francisco Giants and 49ers. Before his retirement, Jerry served as interim director of the Sustainable Streets Division of the San Francisco Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Just as striking as his professional accomplishments were his relationships with neighborhood groups, merchant associations and his co-workers. Praise and fond remembrances have flowed to Jerry's family, highlighting his innate ability to resolve issues, share strategic insights and improve the San Francisco transportation ecosystem. He did this all with a great sense of humor and collaboration, facilitating communication among colleagues and acting as a mentor to those who worked for him.

Life was not "all work and no play" for Jerry. He met Noelle Rubaloff in 1987, when she was working as marketing director for RIDES for Bay Area Commuters. He joined her, and her staff, for a 4 a.m. flyer handout on the Bay

Bridge. They married in March of 1989, and welcomed daughter Emily in November 1989, followed by daughter Jessica in May 1992.

Jerry shared many vacations and road trips with his family. Annual pilgrimages to family camp in the Feather River area were much-anticipated events. Many good friendships were formed there. Trips to Oregon, Arizona, New York, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Hawaii, Washington D.C., Vancouver, B.C., and more kept the family on the go. One family trip to visit Emily in grad school in London and a side trip to Paris was a very special family experience. Jerry and Noelle enjoyed several cruises, including a Blues Cruise.

Jerry loved playing board and card games and "Words with Friends." Hiking was a beloved family activity. Trips to the coast and Halloween were all family favorites. Jerry loved music of all types from blues, to rock 'n' roll, Bruce Springsteen, the Beatles and Motown. He loved comedy and spent his last months enjoying Jerry Seinfeld, who he saw perform live several times, on *Comedians in Cars, Getting Coffee*. He was an avid reader of non-fiction, watcher of documentaries and supporter of Democratic causes. President Barack Obama was truly special as far as Jerry was concerned. Jerry joyfully cheered on the San Francisco Giants and the Warriors, attending victory parades for both.

Although life was not without struggles including the deaths of his mother and father, and of Noelle's mother, he treasured time spent with family and friends. He loved his golf outings with "the men," time spent with his sister Winne and brother Michael, and many cousins from near and far. Jerry was proud of watching his daughters, Emily and Jessica (both UC Berkeley grads), grow into compassionate, successful and wise young women.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents, Margaret and John Robbins. He is lovingly survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Noelle Robbins (aka Kathy Rubaloff); daughter Emily (Matt); daughter Jessica (Steven); sister Winnie Thompson (Gerry); and brother Michael (Vera). Winnie and Michael provided much appreciated support and care during

Jerry's final years.

Special thanks to Dr. Natalie Marshall of Epic Care. Jerry was her superstar patient, far exceeding expectations for pancreatic cancer patients. In lieu of flow-

ers please make donations to the *San Francisco Chronicle's* Season of Sharing in Jerry's name.

A celebration of life will be held on Jan. 5, 2019, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255

Santa Clara Ave. The Elks are a wonderful community that Jerry, Noelle, Emily and Jessica have called home for 25 years.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: RG18923581 PETITION OF: Paolo Scopacasa

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: **Paolo Scopacasa** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **Paolo Scopacasa**. Proposed name: **Paolo Micael Carrera**. 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 11/30/2018, Time: 11:30 a.m., Dept. 24 b. The address of the court is 1221 Oak St., Oakland, CA 94612. c. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this County: Alameda. This statement was filed with the County on 10/5/2018.

Wynne Carvill, Judge of the Superior Court AS 1349 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1/2018

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Round World Music Consulting** at 2527 San Jose Ave., Alameda, Alameda County, CA 94501. Full name of registrant is: **Christina Velasco Lagajit** at 2527 San Jose Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. The Fictitious Business Name Statement Round World Music Consulting was filed on 10/1/2018 in the county of Alameda. Original File Number 550283. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime). This statement was filed with the County clerk of Alameda County on: top right stamp date. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing

of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14400, et seq., B&P Code.) AS 1351 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1/2018

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Welcome to Downtown Alameda!

The Downtown Alameda Business Association (DABA) and its more than 470 members welcome everyone to the historic Downtown district for the 25th Anniversary Classic Car Show. Since 1993, the members in the heart of the Island City have been welcoming visitors from around the Bay Area to visit and explore all that Downtown has to offer. Take advantage of the many Silver Anniversary specials available in Downtown restaurants, shops and other businesses during the show this Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thanks go out to the show's presenting sponsor General Auto Parts and NAPA of Oakland. Come check out the new, free activities for the kiddos and bring the whole family this year.

To those bringing a car, your pride and joy, this weekend, thank you! DABA appreciates all the hard work that goes into getting it ready for the show. We can't wait to hear the special stories and memories.

DABA is deeply grateful to the 25th Anniversary Car Show Committee and the Alameda Crankers Car Club who have been working extremely hard for months planning and promoting. A big shout out to sponsors and partners without which this annual Island tradition could not continue.

Play, Shop, Dine, Learn and Enjoy Downtown Alameda this Saturday!

Thanks to the DABA Staff and Board of Directors: Janet Magleby, Shalynn Taylor, Stephanie Prothero and Josh Lipps; and the **Classic Car Show Committee:** Ben Ratto, Steve Pedone, Ryan DeRespini and the entire Crankers Car Club.

We are ever grateful to our loyal sponsors, partners, and community organizations: General Auto Parts and NAPA in Oakland, Advanced Roofing Services, Alameda Collision Repair and FIX Auto Collision, College of Alameda, FH Dailey Chevrolet, Getaround, GlassTek, Kelly Lux State Farm, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Ole's Waffle Shop, Susan Cardillo AllState/Hagerty, Wine & Waffles, Alameda Community Radio KACR, Alameda County Industries, Alameda Crankers Car Club, Alameda Fire Department, Alameda Police Department, *Alameda Sun*, City of Alameda and the Coral Reef Inn.

Alameda Crankers Car Club!

In 1958, a group of local Alamedans who all shared a passion for "Hot Rods" and classic cars joined together to form the Alameda Crankers Car Club, formerly known as the Leprechauns.

Back in the day, the club hosted numerous car rallies and picnics on the Island and around the East Bay. The club's founding members included Gordon VaNess, Frank Wilk, Jim and Jerry Peterson, Bob Sherriff, Sig Briggs, Warren Moniz, and John Eelsing - all of whom held the title as president over the years. Sadly, as many of the original members passed away, so did the club.

John Eelsing, with the help of Harry Perry and his son Larry Perry, brought new life back to the club in 1993, when the Alameda Crankers Car Club hosted the first Downtown Alameda Classic Car Show under the direction of Duane Watson and the leadership of Larry Perry.

Tragically, Larry Perry passed just a few months before the 2005 show and I was honored to be asked by the Crankers to keep Larry's legacy, as well as the club, moving forward and to continue to work with the Downtown Alameda Business Association to produce this important Island tradition.

The club has continued to be a crucial part to the success of this show for the last 25 years, and has been gaining new members each year.

Enjoy the show!
Benedetto D Ratto

A Car Story - by Duane Watson

This year I'd like to tell you a tale about a car that went to high school three times. It's a certain 1966 Impala owned a couple of times by one Don Ratto.

Don drove the '66 Impala while in high school. He graduated in 1968, and in spite of a drag racing habit, he was able to hold onto his license. After more than a few trips to the Fremont raceway he sold the Impala to his brother Ben in 1976.

Ben drove the car to high school and graduated in 1978. He shared his brother's passion for racing and continued to run the car hard for a few years.

Brother Don bought the car back in '81 and, you guessed it, his son Young Ben drove it to school and graduated in '92.

I don't mind telling you that any car that can live through three Rattos deserved what came next... a full restoration that was finished in 1999. The car is a real beauty! Stop by the 1400 block and check out Don and the Impala.

By the way, Don has owned other cars including a Willys jeep and a couple of Chevys. But the one that got away was a certain '50 Pontiac Silverstar.

Don is a lifetime member of the Crankers Car Club and has always been ready to help a friend out with their hotrod. I'd like to thank the Ratto family for their support of the car show over the years. Thanks, Don!

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