

Jean Baptiste Goyhenetche

Jean Baptiste Goyhenetche was born on November 24, 1931 in Aldudes, France, to Jean and Mariann Goyhenetche. He passed away on May 29, 2008 at the age of 76. He is survived by daughters, AnnMarie Sullivan and her husband, Brian; Yvonne Wood and her husband Bryan; and precious grandchildren, Noah and Emily Wood; siblings, Marie, Jean Pierre and Denise, Therese and Leon, Anne Marie, Emile and Jeanne. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 45 years, Marie Louise; his parents; siblings, Jean Louis, Juancito and Adeline, Anna and Pierre, Yoanes and Elizabeth, Michel and Marie Jeanne and Felicie; brothers-in-law, Jean Baptiste and Remi; along with numerous other relatives and friends. Jean Baptiste came from France in 1950 to work as a sheep herder in Nevada and California. He settled in the San Francisco area in 1963 when he married Marie Louise. He then began a long career as a gardener and later co-owner of Williamson Landscape Supply. Jean Baptiste had a very strong Catholic faith attending St. Pius Catholic Church regularly. Jean Baptiste was very proud of his heritage and was an active member of the Basque Cultural Center, the San Francisco Basque Club, the Los Banos Basque Club, the Rocklin Basque Club and the Henri IV League. He could be seen at Basque festivals throughout the state visiting and playing mus with his family and friends. He had a passion for pelota (handball). He loved the many days spent teaching the youth of the Basque Cultural Center how to play handball. Nothing made him more proud than to see them play their best! He played in an International tournament with his brother Emile

and later served as the US coach in several international tournaments. Jean Baptiste cherished quality time with family and friends more than anything. He spent most weekends in Marysville at "the ranch" with his brother and sister-in-law, Emile and Jeanne; nephews and nieces, Bernard and Anne Marie, and Noel and Yvonne; and dear friends, Eramun, Leon, Peyo and Denise, Jean Pierre and Susan, and Maurice. They enjoyed their sheep, goats, hunting and many late nights playing mus! Most recently he loved to watch and brag about the next generation of hunters, his great nephews, Andrew and Alex. His family extends their heartfelt gratitude to his oncologists, Drs. John Hayward and Fred Marcus and their entire staff; surgeons, Drs. John O'Halleran and Dr. Martin Goodman; and cardiologist, Dr. Bruce Benedick. You were not just his medical care providers during his six year illness, you allowed him the joy of living his life to the very end! Thank you seems hardly enough. Donations can be sent to Camp Sunshine Dreams (a camp for kids with cancer and their siblings) P.O. Box 28232, Fresno, CA. 93729-8232; or Sequoia Hospital Foundation (note on check "Oncology Dept"), 170 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062. Friends are invited to attend a visitation on Monday, June 2, 2008 from 3 pm to 5:30 pm at the Redwood Chapel, 847 Woodside Road in Redwood City. Rosary and Catholic mass will be celebrated also on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 6:30 pm at St. Pius Catholic Church, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA. He will be laid to rest on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 1 pm at the Sutter Cemetery, Sutter, CA.