

## Callaghan Mortuary FD#416 & Livermore Crematory #38

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### James Jumbo Alviso

( May 27, 1948 - February 02, 2016 )

James “Jumbo” Alviso passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday February 2, 2016 with his loving wife Joan Alviso and family by his side. Jim was 67 years young, raised in Livermore by his parents Albert and Henrietta (Rochin) Alviso, born at St. Paul’s Hospital May 27, 1948. Jim was a standout athlete in the first graduating class of 1966 at Granada High School where he was the first string quarterback, played basketball and his true passion and talent playing baseball as a pitcher notorious for throwing ”heat”; He was drafted in 1968 by the Phillies in the 3rd round, being the 50th pick in the draft, playing and traveling with his wife Joan Alviso with their newborn daughter Jenet Alviso through 1969, finishing his professional baseball career in the big leagues in spring training with the Giants organization in 1970. Jim continued playing semi-pro baseball for Galleghar’s out of Oakland and Fontinetti’s out of San Jose, well into his 40’s as the go-to pitching “closer” against the top college off-season teams at the State Championships in Arcata, Ca.



Jim graduated with AA’s from Chabot Junior College in Realty and Art. He went on to work at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab for over 20 years, starting as a draftsman and then project coordinating across the facilities. He would follow his work days religiously volunteer coaching Granada Baseball, Football and even Basketball from 1975 to 1993, he lived and breathed the black and gold at Granada. He provided opportunities for the youth in Livermore, tirelessly seeking donations, giving kids the opportunity to play on the Pirates traveling baseball team to compete with the elite across the Bay Area and State. After coaching at Granada he went on as a Scout for the Phillies and Rockies and with true joy traveled to watch his sons play Division I baseball, Jason Alviso at UNLV and Jerome Alviso at Fullerton, having coached them both at Granada High.

Although Jim had a severe stroke 15 years ago, his strength, physical and

mental discipline as an all-around athlete, as well as having his devoted wife Joan by his side, he enjoyed time traveling with his extensive family and friends, including his mother Henrietta “La La” Alviso and mother-in-law Gertrude “Ricky” Canan (both since deceased), to see his son Jerome play professional baseball for the Rockies; he enjoyed many special days and family gatherings with his wife Joan Alviso, daughter Jenet Alviso, and with “Jumbo” pride watched his grandkids grow up, all 8 of them: his son Jason Alviso’s children Michael, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah and their mother Treva, his son Jerome and Barbie Alviso’s children Chance, Savannah, Titas and Macy; as well being a loving brother to Bob Alviso (Shari), Lisa Alviso, and Trina Gleese (John), and brother-in-law to Charles Roth (Karole), Connie Duterte (Bill), Lorrilynn Connelly (Shelby) and Jennifer Mazzurco (Gary), and our thanks to his devoted caregivers.

In Livermore, there will be:

Rosary at Callaghan’s Mortuary at 7pm, Wednesday February 10, 2016  
Mass at St. Michael’s Church at 11am, Thursday February 11, 2016

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Jumbo’s honor to:

East Bay SportStars  
7073 Commerce Circle  
Pleasanton, Ca 94588  
EBSportStars@gmail.com  
925-416-1600 x 1

A non-profit organization that allows kids in the Livermore and Tri-Valley the opportunity to showcase their talents in places they may not otherwise have access to. This organization will manage a portion of the donations to Granada High School Baseball and Football programs.