
JOHN GOMEZ III

John Gomez III May 12th, 1930 - Aug. 17, 2012 Resident of San Ramon John Gomez III died on August 17th, 2012, after a long battle with liver cancer. Born in San Jose on May 12, 1930, Mr. Gomez was the eldest son of John Gomez Jr. and his then-wife, Erva. He and his youngest brother were raised in the South Park area of San Francisco, where he cultivated a lifelong passion for building and flying model airplanes. Following his graduation from Mission High School in 1948, he was able to transform this childhood passion into a career with the US Air Force. As a test pilot, he travelled throughout the world, rising to the rank of major before a car accident brought his flying career to an end in 1970. At this point in his life, he returned to school to embark on his second career - that of a high school teacher. Over the course of two decades, he educated students at Jefferson High School and Tennyson High School in the subjects of student government, photography and industrial arts. After his retirement in the late 1990s, the focus of his time returned to his childhood love of model airplanes. He is survived by his daughters, Diane Lowe and Jennifer Gomez. Funeral services will be held starting at 10am on Monday, August 27th, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary (4167 First Street, Pleasanton, CA), followed by a burial service at Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery in Dixon, CA.

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