



John Cortese

May 25, 1965 - September 8, 2014

John Cortese, 49, of Fremont, CA was taken from us suddenly on September 8, 2014.

He was born in El Cerrito, CA to Frank and Margaret Cortese on May 25, 1965.

John, a brilliant man, graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1983 and went on to earn his Bachelor's of Science in Bio Chemistry at his beloved Cal Berkeley in 1988.

John, a very likable man, made friends easily in his professional and personal life as he was very laid back and genuinely had a big heart.

John, a dog lover, avid bowler, and obvious poker phenom not only leaves behind a plethora of friends but also leaves his mother Margaret, brothers Dave and Steve, and a number of nieces and nephews.

John will be sorely missed by the love of his life Jackie Thornborrow and her three children Albert, Ashlie, and Alex Ghiorso. John had proclaimed that Ashlie was the daughter he always wanted.

Most of all John will be missed by his closest companion Jake Dog, his little

chihuahua whom he saved from a shelter years ago.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 19, from 4:30-8pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. A Chapel Service will begin on Saturday, September 20, 11am at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of John to the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Ct., Hayward, CA 94544, or to the East Bay SPCA, 8323 Baldwin St., Oakland, CA 94621.

<http://www.haywardanimals.org/>

<https://www.eastbayspca.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Fremont Chapel of the Roses
1940 Peralta Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94536
(510) 797-1900
fremontchapeloftheroses@yahoo.com
<https://www.fremontchapeloftheroses.com>

Chapel Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just found out last night that John passed away last September. I feel horrible about this. We were the same age and went to Fairmont together and we were neighbors. I remember him so very clearly. When I think of him I see this little bespectacled boy. I guess that is how I will always remember him. My heart goes out to his Mother, girlfriend and family.

Anna Olson

Anna Olson - September 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories of John Cortese



Rich - September 18, 2014 at 09:53 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of John Cortese.



September 17, 2014 at 02:55 PM



Anthony Malarae

“ 20 files added to the album *Memories of John Cortese*



Anthony Malarae - September 16, 2014 at 02:23 PM



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“ *It just wasn't the same at the Bowl last night without you....*

Anthony Malarae - September 16, 2014 at 02:17 PM



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“ *Anthony Malarae lit a candle in memory of John Cortese*



Anthony Malarae - September 12, 2014 at 02:04 AM