



Sylvester (Ben) Poorbaugh Jr.

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With broken hearts, and the most immense sadness we have ever experienced we announce the passing of Sylvester Benjamin Poorbaugh, Jr. (Ben) on May 17, 2023, after a recent diagnosis of cancer. Ben was born on January 30, 1929, to Sylvester Sr. and Vernelle Poorbaugh in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

After serving in the Army, and driving trucks for 8 years, Ben joined the San Bernardino Police Department in April 1954, where he worked for 33 years, retiring in 1983 as a Detective working in Robbery and Homicide. While working at the Police Department his major accomplishments were designing, drafting, applying, and then receiving a Federal grant for drug abuse education for women. Ben also created, built the float, and ran the San Bernardino Police Christmas parade that went through the city of San Bernardino every year providing goodies and escorting Santa and Mrs. Claus to all the citizens for 15 plus years. It is now known as the “Ho Ho” Parade. Ben was heavily involved in the Peace Officers Research Association locally and nationally holding offices on the board and was a Past President of the San Bernardino Fire & Police Protective League. Ben taught Administration of Justice and Police Science at San Bernardino Valley College for 40 years, retiring in June of 2010. After retiring, He obtained his Travel Agent license and worked at Bon Vivant Travel Agency for many years.

He was a member of Elk’s Lodge No 836 and a 32nd degree Mason and member of Masonic Lodge No 178. An avid golfer Ben was a member of the men’s clubs at the San Bernardino Public Golf Course, El Rancho Country Club, and Palm Meadows until their closing.

Ben loved golfing; teaching his wife to golf before retiring, travelling, playing golf with his wife, weekly golf days and coffee with his buddies, camping, fishing, spending time with his daughters, sons-in-laws, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many dear friends, and doing Crossword puzzles.



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Ben is preceded in death by his parents, brother Keith, and sister Sara Jane Porter. He is survived by the love of his life for 67 years Etta, daughter Kimberly (Jim)-Colorado and Kristina (fiancé Jim)-San Bernardino, brother Paul Andrew (Drew)-Lompoc, grandchildren, Ty (Texas), Crystal (Chico, CA), Ashlee (Colorado) and great grandchildren Sarah (Crystal), Vera and Dylan (Ashlee) and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be on Saturday June 10, 2023, from 10:30am-11:30am, with services to follow at 11:30am at Bobbitt's Memorial Chapel, San Bernardino, CA. Immediately following the Service a Reception will be held on the patio at Bobbitt's. Interment will be on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 10:30am at Montecito Memorial Park in Colton, CA, all are welcome to attend.



Events


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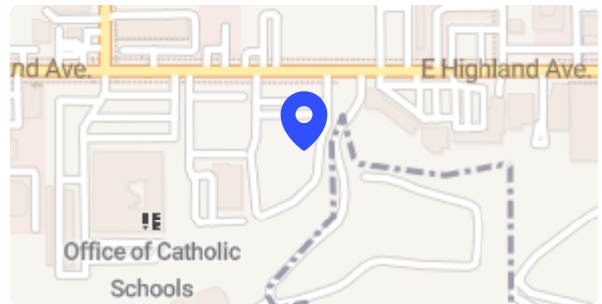
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Viewing

 **Saturday**, June 10, 2023

 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM PT


 **Bobbitt Memorial Chapel**
1299 E Highland Avenue, San Bernardino CA
92404

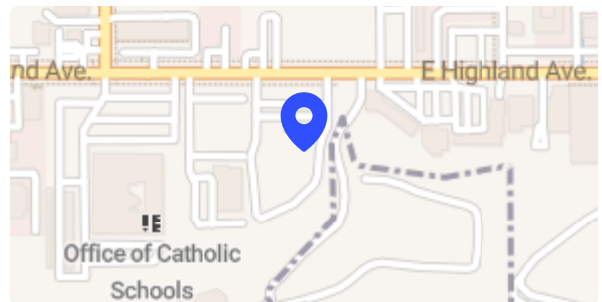


Chapel Service

 **Saturday**, June 10, 2023

 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM PT


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1299 E Highland Avenue, San Bernardino CA
92404

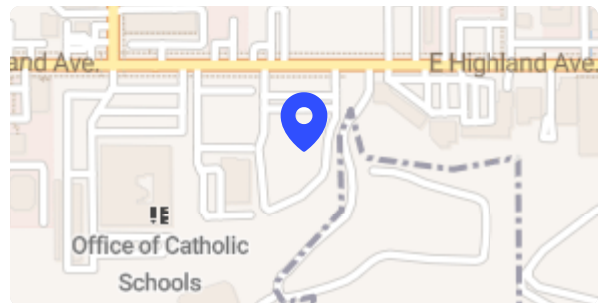


Celebration of Life Reception

 **Saturday**, June 10, 2023

 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM PT

 **Bobbitt Memorial Chapel - Courtyard**
1299 E. Highland Ave, San Bernardino CA 92404






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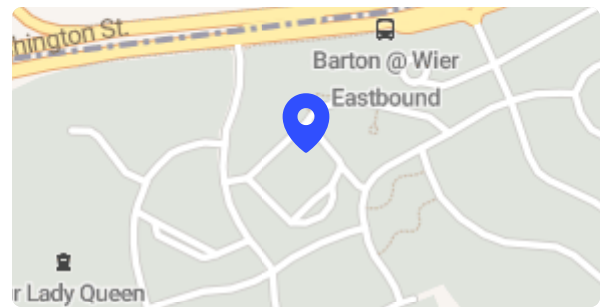
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Graveside Service

 **Monday**, June 12, 2023

 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Montecito Memorial Park**
3520 East Washington Street, Loma Linda CA
92354





Tribute Wall

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Gail Harris posted:

So sorry to see this obituary. Ben was one of the good guys. He had a great laugh. He always had a story to tell. I am very saddened to see this news. Love, Gail

September 14 at 10:39 PM



Marilyn Clark posted:

Just recently heard of Ben's passing and want to send my condolences to Etta and the family. How well I remember the days of the Christmas parades, Police Wives Activities, etc. Those were very special times !! Marilyn Clark

June 12 at 6:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Poorbaugh family.



June 9 at 5:37 AM



Rick Thomsen posted:

Ben is a wonderful man who will be sorely missed by all who knew him. I enjoyed my breif times with him and he was a vibrant man of intelignce and compassion. And he love attending our Battle of the Badges boxing fundraiser. You were missed at Pechanga kind sir! RIP Ben....Rick Thomsen

June 6 at 7:44 AM



Anonymous planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Sylvester.



June 3 at 7:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Poorbaugh family.



May 31 at 5:29 AM



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Crystal Jessen lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

Grandpa was a loyal, caring, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, who loved his family wholeheartedly. Remembering as a child growing up how grandpa was always there to help and be supportive whenever life became challenging. He demonstrated how to work hard for the one's he loved; offering kind words and wisdom. Grandpa enjoyed life and appreciated his family and was proud of his accomplishments. He will be so dearly loved, So sadly missed. God bless. Crystal and Sarah Jessen



May 30 at 2:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Poorbaugh family.



May 26 at 4:41 PM



Mary Mcculloch posted:

To my Uncle Ben you were funny kind and always there. we met on Treton St. I was lets say young!!! Spent so many years with you on Golden Ave. You will always be in my thoughts and the many memories I have of you. Its said that its not the years in your life but the life in your years. Rest now knowing that you lived a good and kind life. Love You Mary

May 25 at 8:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Poorbaugh family.



May 24 at 11:52 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sylvester.



May 24 at 11:52 AM



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Kimberley Bell posted:

A Father's Love Especially written for you Dad with LoveA soft-spoken word to show you care.A helping hand to get me there.An understanding voice that is so kind.This father's love is one of a kind.In trials and struggles you helped me along.No questions asked, just encouragement said and done.You've seen me walk, you've seen me run, you've seen me struggle, and helped me along. My thoughts go back to my childhood days, saying prayers by my bed and always checking to see if I was ok. You opened your arms to give me a hug and kissed me good night with a father's love. Whenever I did wrong, your hand was gentle, just showing me you cared was more than I expected.God sees your love and who you are today, a father's love is here to stay. With opens arms and a heart made of gold, it is a father's love that can never grow old. Each memory I have brings joy to my heart, a father's love is a gift from the start. I give thanks for you each and every day and I pray God blesses you today.It's later in years and time has flown by, but one thing for sure, a father's love will never die. Take hold of your goodness, be proud of who you are, thank you for being my loving Father, and shining star.I will miss you Dad!!Kim

May 23 at 5:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sylvester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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