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**BAKER, Larry Roger**, formerly of San Lorenzo, passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at the age of 63 years in Eustis, Florida. He was born in Seattle, Washington to Marvin "Bud" and Mildred "Mickey" Baker, and grew up in San Lorenzo, attending San Lorenzo High School, Class of 1967. Larry served his country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He owned his own sheet metal business in Fremont before moving to Washington State. He last worked as Quality Control Director at Guardian Fall Protection in Kent, Washington. With a passion for baseball, Larry umpired for the little league and pony league in Washington. He also coached youth baseball and soccer. Larry is remembered and will be dearly missed by his wife of 3 years, Shannon; daughters, Heather Michelle Melton-Baker of Eustis, Florida and Stephanie Ann Baker of Oakville, Washington; son, Bret Baker of Auburn, Washington; grandson, Jeffery Nakano of Tenino, Washington; great-grandson, Brody Evan Baker of Washington; brothers, Steve (and Kaki) Baker of Gardnerville, Nevada and Tracy (and Winnie) Baker of San Leandro; and sister, Tami (and John) Popke of Sonora, California. A memorial ceremony will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Condolences and memories may be shared by signing the guestbook at [www.steversonhamlinhilibish.com](http://www.steversonhamlinhilibish.com).

**CASTAGNETTA, Bennie Anthony**, of San Leandro, passed away on Monday, December 17, 2012. A memorial mass celebrating his life will be held this Saturday, December 22 at 12 Noon at Church of the Assumption 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro. Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. San Leandro, (510) 483-0123, [www.santos-robinson.com](http://www.santos-robinson.com)

**DELL, Katherine**, of San Lorenzo, passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at age 86. A Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Dec. 20, at St. John's Catholic Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo. Arrangements were made by Grissom's Mortuary in San Lorenzo.

**FANENE, John M.**, of Napa, formerly of San Leandro, passed on December 14, 2012. John was raised in San Leandro and was a California CHP Officer. Visitation Thursday, Dec. 20, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m. at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Funeral Service Friday, Dec. 21, at the Mormon Temple in Oakland. Interment at Lone Tree Cemetery, in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, [www.santos-robinson.com](http://www.santos-robinson.com)).

**HAMILTON, Floyd K.**, of San Leandro, passed away on Friday, November 23, 2012, at age 67. Mr. Hamilton worked for Crescent Truck Lines for 35 years. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 at Grissom's Mortuary in San Lorenzo.

**JORDAN, Harriet Irene**, of San Lorenzo, passed away on Monday, December 3, 2012 at age 89. A native of Warren Minnesota, Mrs. Jordan and her family settled in San Lorenzo in 1960. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22, at San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande.

**KUWAMOTO, Michael David**, of San Leandro, passed away in Georgia on October 27, 2012. It was his 60th birthday. He graduated from Marina High School in 1970. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Rhonda, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hank and Lori Kuwamoto of San Leandro. A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, at Faith Fellowship Church, 577 Manor Blvd., in San Leandro.

**OLIVEIRA, Mary B.**, of San Leandro, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at age 89. A Chapel Blessing celebrating her life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro.

**SINCLAIR, Donald A.**, 1918 - 2012, a resident of San Leandro, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at the age of 94. Preceded in death by his wife Alice, survived by sons, David of Eagle, ID and Paul of Pleasanton. Veteran of WWII, who served in the South Pacific, retired from Pacific Telephone with 41 years of service. Donald enjoyed playing golf. At his request no services held. Funeral arrangements handled by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro, (510) 483-0123, [www.santos-robinson.com](http://www.santos-robinson.com)

**TUMALE, Sergio Soniga**, of San Leandro, passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, following complications of heart transplant surgery. He was 64. Services were held Dec. 17 at St. Leander's Church in San Leandro. Arrangements were made by Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.

**WILLIAMS, Ben**, the first black television news reporter in the Bay Area, passed away of cardiac arrest at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward on Monday, December 17, 2012. He was 85. Mr. Williams had appeared on the daily newscasts of KPIX Channel 5 for more than 25 years, covering events that included the Robert Kennedy assassination, the UC Free Speech Movement, the attempted assassination of President Gerald Ford, and the Patty Hearst kidnapping. He had served nine years as the station's East Bay Bureau Chief. Mr. Williams grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and studied journalism at Lincoln University. After graduating, he moved to California and settled in the Bay Area where he worked first at two black daily newspapers, the Bay Area Daily Record and the San Francisco Sun-Reporter. In 1962, he was hired by the San Francisco Examiner to become the Hearst-owned newspaper's first black reporter. By 1965, having become a highly regarded and award-winning print journalist, he was

recruited by KPIX to become the first black TV reporter in Bay Area television. He continued at the station for more than a quarter of a century, winning an Emmy Award and honors from the National Association of Black Journalists, the Society of Professional Journalists, the San Francisco Press Club, and dozens of community organizations. He taught journalism for 11 years at San Francisco State University while working at Channel 5. After retiring, Ben and his wife, Vivian, traveled the world, visiting Africa, China and the Caribbean. He had recently served on the Board of Directors for "The Next Step," an adult literacy program based in West Oakland. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Vivian, of Oakland; his son, Ben Williams, Jr. and wife Michelle; and 2 grandchildren, Olivia and Aleah. He was predeceased by two sons, Gregory Williams and Alan Williams. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22, at St. Benedict's Church, 2245 82nd Ave., at Bancroft, in Oakland.