



## David James Pettit

November 3, 1942 - December 21, 2012

A long time resident of Carpinteria, died peacefully surrounded by his family on December 21, 2012 in Santa Barbara, CA after a short illness.

David is survived by his four children: Laura Pettit, James Pettit, both of Santa Barbara; Doug Pettit of Oxnard, & Joshua (Elizabeth) Pettit of Alabama. Also surviving are David's two grandsons: Timothy Pettit- Sanchez & Jonathan Pettit-Herrera both of Santa Barbara. In addition, David is survived by his siblings: Linda Karolus of Camarillo, Dennis (Jeanne) Pettit of Ventura, & Fred (Cindy) Pettit of Santa Barbara. David also leaves behind an extended family (uncle & aunt, nephews, niece & several cousins).

David was born in Santa Barbara, CA on November 3, 1942, the first child of Douglas J. & Nola I. Pettit (both deceased).

David spent his early childhood living in the Hoff Heights area of Santa Barbara (now the Municipal Golf Course). David was a polio survivor. In 1951, David's family bought their first home (not yet built), in the new Marine Terrace area on the Mesa. David graduated from Washington School (first graduating class), La Cumbre Jr. High and then Santa Barbara High in 1960. He also attended SBCC.

In 1960, "Dave" began working for Gene Lassman who owned the Fosters

Freeze at the corner of Montecito & Bath Streets. A couple of years later, Dave found himself managing the Fosters Freeze on the Mesa. Then in 1964, Dave came to the Carpinteria Fosters Freeze to work as manager for owners, Frank & Marie Zanier. In 1975, Dave purchased the Carpinteria store when Frank retired. A few years later, Dave also purchased & operated the Micheltorena Street Fosters Freeze in Santa Barbara, although he later ended up closing that location. Up to Dave's passing, he was still involved in the operation of the Carpinteria store. Although most all of Dave's extended family have at one time or another worked at the business, his two sons Doug & James, have followed their dad's footsteps and have been actively involved in the business for a number of years. The Carpinteria store had celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011.

Dave was the epitome Fosters Freeze guy. He was a proud sponsor of Athlete of the Week for Carpinteria H.S. & Cate Schools. He loved his family & friends and the town of Carpinteria.

Services in remembrance of Dave will be held on Saturday, January 5th, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Faith Lutheran Church, 1335 Vallecito Pl., Carpinteria, CA. Wearing of your favorite Hawaiian shirt is encouraged, but optional. Burial immediately following at Carpinteria Cemetery. The family suggests that contributions in Dave's memory be made to the Carpinteria High School Athletic Boosters Club.

# Cemetery Details

## Carpinteria Cemetery

1501 Cravens Lane  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
1335 Vallecito Place  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jean Foster lit a candle in memory of David James Pettit*



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*Rest in Peace and thanks for all the good memories at Foster Freeze and in just knowing you.*

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**Jean Foster** - January 01, 2013 at 04:39 PM