



## John Richard Nahra

September 6, 1924 - March 2, 2012

NAHRA, John Richard

September 6, 1924 - March 2, 2012

John Richard Nahra, beloved and adored, husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle was larger than life. John was born to Mansur and Sophia Nahra in Los Angeles, California. He was brother to: Adele, Lorena, Rose Marie and Vera, husband to his soul mate Lynda, father to: John and wife Audrey, Julie and husband Craig, and Nancy and husband Denis, grandfather to: JC, Hannah, Sophia, Kaity and Ryley. He also leaves behind many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. John enlisted and fought heroically in WWII. He was in the FIRST Marine Division, receiving the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION for extraordinary heroism in action by contributing to the conquest of Okinawa, and the PURPLE HEART MEDAL for injury received on Palau Group, Caroline Islands. Later in his extraordinary life, John was named a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW, by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. John was an entrepreneur initially taking over his father's business, Nahra's Furniture, ultimately settling into real estate investing, and achieving his final goal of living in Santa Barbara. John was the consummate story teller and will be missed for his irreverent humor. He loved his family, he loved his friends, and he loved his life. When great souls die, we can be better?for they existed.

Mass will be celebrated at 12:30pm Monday March 12th, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, followed by internment at Santa Barbara Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-3231

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 12:30 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church  
1300 East Valley Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-6868  
<http://www.olmc-montecito.com>

# Tribute Wall

NA

“ *i love you daddy  
i miss you always  
we are all doing great except for the fact  
that you are not here  
you are always in my heart  
always*



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**nancy** - November 17, 2013 at 12:29 PM

VT

“ *Such a strange feeling all weekend....it really does seem like  
yesterday. We love and miss you, Uncle Johnnie.*

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**vtamoush@gmail.com** - March 04, 2013 at 11:21 AM

JN

“ Hi Daddy,



*It's March 2, 2013. I can't believe it has been a year since you left us....Seems like yesterday. Everything about you is so vivid in my memory. Nothing has faded, hopefully nothing never will. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you and wish you were here calling me a goober. This death thing sucks!!! I'm sorry...had to say it out loud.*

*We all lit candles in various places today. Nankie in New York, Johnny in the Palisades, and I in Dallas. We had the entire country covered! Audrey was with Lynda, and as you know, you received beautiful flowers from them both....orchids.*

*Hannah sent me a lovely silver bracelet engraved with the day you died, (I still can't write or say that word without crying,) and that she loves me. How do I put into words or thank you enough...You know what I mean.*

*I love and miss you Daddy. Give Grandma, Jiddu, Grandpa, Elaine, Uncle Tom, Aunie Euginie, Simon, Joan, Emil, and everybody else I left off a big fat kiss.*

*NO TICKIE NO WASHIE, NO MONEY NO HONEY! Words to live by!!*

*I love you forever,  
Lulie*

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**Julie Nahra** - March 02, 2013 at 07:43 PM

JN

*How can I forget Auntie Rosie!!!! I love you!*

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**Julie Nahra** - March 02, 2013 at 07:44 PM

JN

“ Hi Daddy,

*Something happened today...it was earth shattering for me. I've held it together for so long and was so proud of myself....but all Hannah had to do was mention that she was thinking of you, missing you, and it had almost been a year. I fell apart. I'm still falling apart. I miss you so much. I love you.*

*Lulie*

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**Julie Nahra** - February 26, 2013 at 07:30 PM

NS

“ hi daddy,

*its christmas time and i am missing you. we are all doing great. we will be in park city for the holidays. i know you will be with grandma and auntie rosie and all the wonderful people you have missed for so long.*

*i got to tell you, they say it gets easier, but i'm still waiting for that to happen*

*merry christmas daddy*

*be good!*

*i love you i love you i love you*

*your nanckie*

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**nancy stewart** - December 13, 2012 at 05:27 PM

SS

“ Happy Birthday my jiddu. I miss you so much every day. I know that you're watching over me and keeping me safe in this new city. I wish that I could hold your hand and watch our favorite cooking shows together. You are always in my heart and on my mind. So much has happened this past year, it's hard to comprehend that it's real. I know that you're always with me in my heart, and I feel you're love everyday. I love you forever.

Sophia

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sophia stewart - September 06, 2012 at 02:01 PM

JN

“ Happy Birthday Daddy! I love you and miss you so much...We all love and miss you so much!!! After a busy summer, things are back to the new normal. Still can't get used to the new normal...don't like it without you. I have needed to talk to you so many times. So many life changing events...I always have this thought in the back of my head, WWDD? What would Daddy do??? It brings a smile to my face, and, I actually laugh out loud knowing what you would do! Watch over us Daddy. I love you forever...



Lulie

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Julie Nahra - September 06, 2012 at 09:03 AM

CP

“ Happy Birthday to my Bunk! Missing you a bunch. LOVE YOU.

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Christina Pitch - September 06, 2012 at 08:47 AM

LP

“ Happy Birthday Unk... We are thinking about you here today, and every day. We miss you so much. I bet you were proud of Anthony last Saturday (you know what I'm talking about). I wish you were there. Give a hug to my Mom.

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**Lisa Pitch** - September 06, 2012 at 08:26 AM

NS

“ daddy we dropped sophia off nyu last week. she misses you so much. she took the picture of you and her smooching when she was little with her.  
this is the time i need to talk with you. you always say the right things to make me feel better. i am still so heart broken, daddy. your birthday is tomorrow. i will celebrate you in my heart, always. watch over sophia, keep her safe.

happy birthday daddy, one day early (i wanted to be the first one!)  
i love you i love you i love you  
nancy

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**nancy stewart** - September 05, 2012 at 10:23 AM

LP

Hang in there Nancy. I know your Dad is watching over Sophia. I love you all.

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**Lisa Pitch** - September 06, 2012 at 08:27 AM

 Lisa Pitch

“ I miss you Unk. I still can't believe you're not here anymore... I love you so much.

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**Lisa Pitch** - June 21, 2012 at 08:03 PM

HW

“ Hi Jiddu! I thought about you a lot today... about all the memories we had together. I feel like I am the luckiest girl in the world to have you in my life for the past 18 years.

I went on retreat a couple of weeks ago for my senior year and we got to read letters we wrote to ourselves from over a year ago. I had completely forgotten what i had written and was shocked to find a paragraph written about you, it read:

"I hope you have the close relationship with Jiddu still that you do now. He is one of the most important parts of your life and I love him more than anything. Whatever you are doing right now as you read this call him."

I wanted nothing more than to pick up the phone and call you. I called Grandma Lynda though and It was so hard to not ask to talk to you after we talked like I always did. I am so happy I have her Jiddu, thanks so much for bringing her into my life.

I wish you could be there with her for my graduation but I know you will be watching!

It is all for you, I love you and keep watching over me and holding me up. I need you.

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**Hannah Whipple** - April 16, 2012 at 08:37 PM

 Lisa Pitch

*That is beautiful Hannah. He will never leave you. He loves you so much.*

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**Lisa Pitch** - April 24, 2012 at 07:30 AM

KK

“ I would like to send my condolences to the entire family during this sad time. Lynda, SaSa and I will see you at the PCBS Board meeting in a couple weeks. Sincerely Ken and SaSa Kirkpatrick. PS your daughters write beautifully.

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**ken kirkpatrick** - March 29, 2012 at 10:06 AM

LN

“ *Nahra, You truly were my soulmate. I am finding it difficult to be in this house without you. Everything reminds me of you. It seems like we always were together... not 26 years.... but always.*

*I want to see you when I come home sitting in your favorite sunny spot in the kitchen gazing at the ocean you loved.....*

*I am so very glad you got to fulfill your life's dream of living here in Santa Barbara.*

*As I always said....I loved you all my life...*

*Your Lyndy lu*

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**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:30 PM

NS

“ *i miss you more everyday, daddy.  
you left a big hole in my heart*

*i'm trying to move forward, just need a little  
nudge from you*

*i love you  
nankie*

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**nancy stewart** - March 26, 2012 at 11:00 AM

LN

*Just know how much he loved you.....*

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**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:31 PM

HW

“ I never thought it was possible to miss someone this much. I want you to come back. I want to hold your hand again, but at least i have my moms which looks almost just like yours. I will never ever forget you and you're still my master. This hurts more than I ever thought it would and I have no idea if it will ever get better. Keep watching over me, I love you so much Jiddu.

Hannah Whipple - March 19, 2012 at 08:58 PM

NS

*i love you hannah whipple, auntie nancy*

nancy stewart - March 26, 2012 at 11:01 AM

LN

*My favorite picture of Nahra is the first full day of your life when he get's up and realizes that "Baby Hannah" wasn't a dream....and there you were!*

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:33 PM

JN

*He brought Craig and I our two most treasured gifts. He was our treasure as well...I miss you Daddy.*

*Lulie*

Julie Nahra - March 31, 2012 at 08:26 AM



“ Sha-sha -

*I miss you so much. My heart is breaking. You were my rock.*

*Your little sister~*

*Vee*

Vera Tamoush - March 14, 2012 at 11:50 AM

JN

*I love you Auntie Vera. Lulie*

Julie Nahra - March 18, 2012 at 04:59 PM

LN

*He loved talking to you on the phone.....that made him smile! And your visits were priceless.*

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:34 PM

MP

“ Dear Lynda--

*May the memories of the good times and the knowledge of the love you and Nahra shared carry you through the days to come. My thoughts are with you. Please accept our condolences.*

*Mary Howe-Grant & Peter Ford*

Mary E. Howe-Grant, Ph.D. - March 12, 2012 at 09:57 AM

FN

“ Attention: To all minor children with NAHRA in your blood. I am now the oldest living male named Nahra. You may address me as MASTER II. My cousin would have wanted me to take over this marvelous tradition. Nancy and Julie may also or not!

*Fred John Nahra*

Fred John Nahra - March 11, 2012 at 11:23 PM

JN

*Master II...I like it. Fits perfectly! You better talk to Hannah, Kaity, Sophia, JC, and Ryley about it though...They might be a tough sell. BIG SHOES TO FILL. I love you Fred.*

Julie Nahra - March 18, 2012 at 04:58 PM

NS

*And like our MASTER, you'll be picking up the tab!  
xoxo  
nancy and audrey*

**nancy stewart** - March 22, 2012 at 11:00 AM

LN

*OK, Cousin Fred....are you assuming the Patriarch role? If so it's not  
big shoes to fill, but big hands.....*

**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:13 PM

JN

*So true!!! Best hands ever...*

**Julie Nahra** - March 31, 2012 at 08:19 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Great Memories*



**Lisa Pitch** - March 11, 2012 at 10:43 PM

VT

“ *Photo of pine trees in Lebanon, sent by our cousins Zein Tawil and Fadia Tawil Karam.*



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**Vicki Tamoush** - March 11, 2012 at 07:13 PM

VT

“ *From the Tawil family in Lebanon:*

*"Our sincere condolences, to All the Nahra/Tawil family with our love, from Lebanon"*  
*zein tawil & Family.*

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**Vicki Tamoush** - March 11, 2012 at 07:03 PM

AB

“ *Johnny Nahra, you should know that today Marines in Las Vegas Nevada are toasting and chowing down in your honor; hail to our combat Pacific theater Marine who has the respect and gratitude of his fellow Marines and countrymen. God bless Johnny Nahra. Semper Fi.*

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**Alan Buttell** - March 11, 2012 at 10:56 AM

NS

*he would be so honored*

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**nancy stewart** - March 22, 2012 at 11:01 AM

LN

*Awesome tribute....Many thanks to Alan and the Las Vegas Marines,*

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**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:15 PM

JE

“ Jeff sent a virtual gift in memory of John  
Richard Nahra



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**Jeff** - March 10, 2012 at 04:50 PM



“ I miss you Uncle Johnny and I'll always remember what you told me  
about WWII, and to honor the Marines. I love you so much. Anthony



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**Anthony Pitch** - March 10, 2012 at 02:47 PM

LN

*Anthony, Treasure these photos as he treasured the time you spent  
with him!*

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**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:37 PM

VS

“ 3 files added to the album John Nahra



Vivian Stapleton - March 10, 2012 at 01:15 PM

VS

Uncle Johnnie - your stories and humor and love will live in our hearts forever.

Vivian Stapleton - March 10, 2012 at 01:19 PM

NS

xoxo

nancy stewart - March 10, 2012 at 05:48 PM

LN

You definitely made him smile!

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:39 PM

SS

“ Sophia Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of John Richard Nahra



Sophia Stewart - March 10, 2012 at 11:56 AM

SS

A dove is perfect jiddu, i'm so excited to get mine. i love you i love you i love you

Sophia Stewart - March 10, 2012 at 11:57 AM

LN

*His love for you will last forever.*

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:41 PM

SS

“ *Missing you everyday Jiddu. We all know you're loving all this attention and trust me, it's not going to end any time soon. I love you and miss you more everyday  
I love you I love you I love you*

Sophia Stewart - March 10, 2012 at 11:55 AM

SK

“ *Miss you Uncle John.*

Steve Kime - March 10, 2012 at 11:55 AM

LN

*Nahra always looked forward to your visits and spoke of you often, with love.*

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:44 PM

DB

“ *DJ Bonney sent a virtual gift in memory of John Richard Nahra*



DJ Bonney - March 10, 2012 at 08:16 AM

CP

“ Christina Pitch sent a virtual gift in memory of John Richard Nahra



Christina Pitch - March 10, 2012 at 12:42 AM

JN

xoxoxoxoxo

Julie Nahra - March 10, 2012 at 08:39 AM

NS

we love you guys

nancy stewart - March 10, 2012 at 11:35 AM

LN

A heart is perfect as you all were always in his heart.

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:45 PM



“ Lisa Pitch sent a virtual gift in memory of John Richard Nahra



Lisa Pitch - March 10, 2012 at 12:36 AM

JN

xoxoxoxoxo

Julie Nahra - March 10, 2012 at 08:40 AM

NS

*he'd love that!*

nancy stewart - March 10, 2012 at 11:36 AM

LN

*That is perfect.!*

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:47 PM



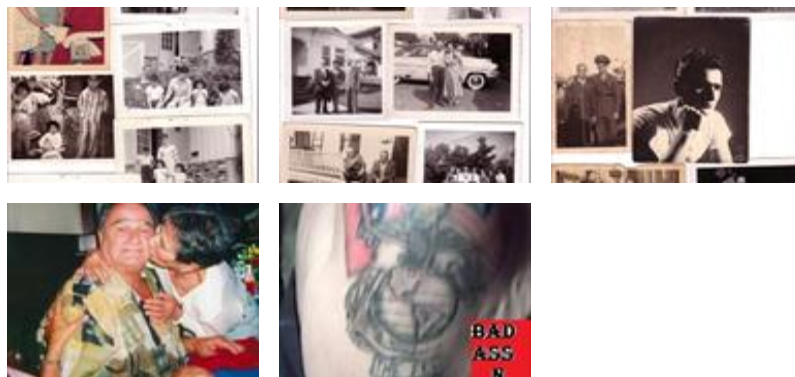
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Lisa Pitch - March 10, 2012 at 12:22 AM

LP

“ 5 files added to the album John Nahra



Lisa Pitch - March 10, 2012 at 12:14 AM

CP

“ *Missing the Bunk.*

Christina Pitch - March 09, 2012 at 11:37 PM



“ *I love you Unk, and I'm going to miss you so much <3*



Lisa Pitch - March 09, 2012 at 11:28 PM

JN

“ *Julie Nahra sent a virtual gift in memory of John Richard Nahra*



Julie Nahra - March 09, 2012 at 08:51 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of John Richard Nahra*



nancy stewart - March 09, 2012 at 08:51 PM

JN

“ *Julie Nahra lit a candle in memory of John Richard Nahra*



Julie Nahra - March 09, 2012 at 08:49 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Stewart lit a candle in memory of John Richard Nahra*



nancy stewart - March 09, 2012 at 08:49 PM

JN

“ *I love you Daddy...Love you forever and ever.*

*Your goober,  
Lulie*

Julie Nahra - March 09, 2012 at 08:46 PM

LN

*You were one goober he loved more then any.....*

Lynda Nahra - March 28, 2012 at 11:51 PM

NS

“ *i love daddy i love you daddy i love you daddy  
love always and forever  
nankie*

nancy stewart - March 09, 2012 at 08:44 PM

ER

“ Lynda, Perry and I send you our condolences and hold you and yours in our thoughts.

*Lee and Perry Ritenour*

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**Elizabeth Lee Ritenour** - March 08, 2012 at 03:45 PM

LN

*Thanks to you both....I can't believe he is gone.*

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**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:48 PM

KB

“ Lynda,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am hopeful that memories of happier times help to soothe the pain of loss today.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kathy Boomer*

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**Kathleen Boomer** - March 07, 2012 at 03:51 PM

LN

*Many thanks.*

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**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:49 PM

GS

“ Lynda Nahra---

*Count us among those who send you our sincere condolences.  
Bea and Glenn Scheel*

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**Glenn E. Scheel** - March 07, 2012 at 12:02 PM



*I appreciate it.*

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**Lynda Nahra** - March 28, 2012 at 11:50 PM