



## Ralph John Nufer

March 13, 1927 - December 19, 2011

NUFER, Ralph John

Went home to be with his Lord and Savior on December 19, 2011. Son of George & Margaret Nufer, R.J. was born in Elgin, Illinois on March 13, 1927.

R.J. first came to California when he served in the Navy, and returned in the early 1950s. He worked in the Personnel Department of the County of Santa Barbara for over 30 years and retired in 1986. He was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Carol Nufer, on December 29, 1995.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years, May Nufer, his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Lori Nufer, their children Ryan and Bree Nufer, and his daughter and son-in-law Nancy Nufer and Tom Archambault.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

The Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 28 at Santa Barbara Community Church, 1002 Cienguitas Road.

Online condolences may be sent to [wrhsb.com](http://wrhsb.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara Community Church  
1002 Cieneguitas Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 687-7797  
<http://www.sbcommunity.org/>

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Your grace lives on in your daughter Nancy and son Larry. They are testaments to your kindness, your generosity, your loyal and loving nature. With all the stories they have shared, and will continue to share, you will live on here on earth as your soul soars in heaven.*

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**Katherine Gunther** - December 30, 2011 at 09:37 AM

KG

“ To My Uncle Nuf's Family,

*Although I never got to see Uncle Nuf much over the years I do have very fond memories of a couple visits. I remember when he visited Elgin when I was just a child and riding around with him in his father's car, my Grandpa George. He was always so cheerful and sweet to me and I remember being so sad when he left. I was fortunate once again he visited my family after we moved to Arkansas. Again I felt very blessed to spend time with my Uncle. I will always remember him as a kind caring person and he had a smile that was just absolutely infectious. And his laugh, I can hear it now. His face just lit up when I saw him. He made me feel so loved and special on those visits. I learned about his love of tennis and swimming during his Arkansas visit. I also share his love for these hobbies. After losing my Dad, Ralph's brother, back in 2004, I still felt a peace knowing my Uncle Nuf was well. It saddened me to hear of his passing, but I also have thought of him reuniting with his family in Heaven and that has brought me great peace. I hope it has done the same for all those he has left behind. We were all blessed to have Uncle Nuf in our lives even if for some of us it was just a few visits. It was enough to connect and know what a special person he really was. God Bless you Uncle Nuf and thank you for always being so kind and loving. Till we meet again...*

*With Love your niece,  
Kristina Nufer Griffin*

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**Kristina Griffin** - December 29, 2011 at 10:57 AM

JK

“ Dear Ralph -

*I never met you, but judging by your smile and what I've heard about you I think we would have gotten along famously. I do know and love your daughter Nancy, and I suspect the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. God speed sir, and may you find laughter and joy in the next part of your journey.*

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**Jon Koons** - December 28, 2011 at 10:02 PM

KT

“ *I only met Ralph a couple of times through my dear friend and his loving daughter Nancy. Through the years, I loved hearing the stories of the two of them spending time together, swimming, playing board games and just spending quality time together as Dad and daughter. He leaves a lovely legacy in his daughter Nancy and his son Larry. 2 very devoted children who loved and admired their father so so much. My heart goes out to them and all who will miss this dear treasure of a man. God speed Mr. Nufer and thanks for having such a loving and kind daughter. We will take good care of her.*

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**Katie Thatcher** - December 28, 2011 at 03:00 PM

PL

*Barbara and I didn't know Nufer's dad but we do know how much she cared about him and was so great to him until the very end. From way far away in Berlin we send you, Dear Nufer, our love and respect and wish you the strength to go through these difficult times knowing you are surrounded by many many friends, far and near. Much love from Berlin, from Barbara and Peter*

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**Peter Lackner** - December 28, 2011 at 06:27 PM

RL

*My love and prayers go out to the Nufer Family. I never had the honor of meeting your Dad, Nuf, but you are a shining example of what a great father he was as you are a gem of a person and I know he is so very proud of you. His love and dedication to his family live on and I know your creative endeavors and the joy you bring to the world will be dotingly observed and cherished by your Dad. Hugs,  
Rod*

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**Rod Lathim** - December 29, 2011 at 02:36 PM