



## Robert J Gianelli

May 2, 1925 - March 27, 2013

Robert Gianelli, devoted father and loving husband of Sarah Gianelli for 63 years, passed from life's journey on March 27, 2013 at his home in Napa after a 5 year illness. Bob was born in Tuolumne, California on May 2, 1925 to Susan Hallock and Ernest Gianelli. Bob was raised in Pittsburg, California and upon high school graduation in 1943 he entered the NROTC officer's training school at Princeton and UCLA.

After his marriage to Sarah in 1949, he completed his degree at UC Berkeley School of Architecture in 1950. His early career was interrupted by active naval duty where he served in the Pacific as a lieutenant during the Korean conflict.

Upon discharge from duty in 1953, he and his wife Sarah moved to Napa to resume his career and raise a family. He was licensed in California in 1954 and opened his firm in Napa and Vallejo with John Beland as Beland, Gianelli Architects. When Beland retired in 1980, Robert Gianelli Architects was formed.

His 59 year varied career included over 100 design projects, locally and in the North Bay Area. Bob was an active member of Silverado Country Club since its inception, enjoying years of excellent golf and tennis and many friendships. Notwithstanding his many professional accomplishments, his greatest sense of pride was his beloved children: Stephen (Katarina) Gianelli of San Francisco; Christy Gianelli of Napa, Laurie Gholson and son-in-law Jim Gholson of Napa. His joy was multiplied by four grandchildren, Trevor, Jordan,

Alexandra and Schylar

He was predeceased by his brother Gordon Gianelli (Sue). He is survived by his immediate family and nephew, Gary Gianelli of Clayton.

The family would like to acknowledge the loving support of son-in-law James Gholson, the Friday coffee group, Bob's Oakland posse, the Dennis Groth Family, and special friend Cliff Simpkins. The family is grateful for the tender mercies of long-time caregivers Sonia Clauzel and Linda Shaver, and recently Kaiser Hospice Vallejo.

Bob's children would like to thank their mother for the compassionate and dignified care she gave their father at home. Over the last five years Bob and Sarah taught their children volumes about grace, strength and true love.

A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, April 4 at 10 am, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Napa. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Mass

APR 4. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

981 Napa St.

Napa, CA 94559

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<http://www.stjb1858.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J Gianelli*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Robert J Gianelli*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Christy, my condolences to you and your family. I was thinking about you and your loss on our birthday last week. Be well.*

*Mark Kolar*

**Mark G. Kolar** - April 09, 2013 at 04:22 PM



“ *Dear Sarah and Family,  
Bob was such a wonderful husband, father & grandfather and we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Ric & Janet (Gholson) Bader*

**Ric & Janet Bader** - April 01, 2013 at 09:41 PM



“ *Dear Sarah and Family,  
So very sorry for your loss. Bob designed so many great building in Napa.*



**Ray Nasuti** - March 30, 2013 at 08:45 PM

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“ *DEAR SARAH AND FAMILY:  
I WAS GREATLY SADDENED TO READ ABOUT'S BOB'S  
PASSING; HE WAS ALWAYS ONE OF MY FAVORTITE "NAPA"  
FRIENDS...ALWAYS SMILING AND WELCOMING. bESIDE  
WHICH THE NAPA PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS WAS MY FAVORITE  
DESIGNED BUILDING IN THE BAY AREA! WITH MUCH LOVE  
AND SMYPATHY, KATA EVERETT BROWNELL, CALISTOGA*

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**KATA STEEL BROWNELL** - March 30, 2013 at 12:04 PM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Robert J Gianelli.*



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March 30, 2013 at 12:03 PM