

Jean Aime "Jean" Nadeau

September 21, 1940 - December 28, 2015

Jean Aime' Joseph Nadeau (Chum) was born in La Broquerie Manitoba, Canada on September 21, 1940 to Aime' and Lea Nadeau. He was very proud to be one of 14 brothers and sisters who grew up on his parents' farm. His brothers and sisters were Cecile, Maurice, Robert, Yvette, Lucie, Alice, Leo, Georges, Annette, Anita, Laurette, Adele and Denis. His brothers and sisters called him Chum because he always said, "Me and my dad are chums." He attended a one room school house for elementary school before moving to Winnipeg as a teenager when his parents sold their farm. He loved playing hockey with his brothers and friends, which he continued playing into high school. His childhood dream was to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

He moved to Long Beach California in 1964. His cousin Roland Nadeau lived next door to the Driscoll family, where he met his wife Kay. They married in 1966 and he came home from his honeymoon to his draft notice from the United States Army. He attended boot camp at Fort Bliss Texas and served his tour of duty training Combat Engineers at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. His first son, Jeff was born while he was serving in the Army. He was promoted to sergeant while serving for two years in the Army.

Shortly after being discharged from the Army, he achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer. He was hired by the City of Orange and attended

the Los Angeles Police Department Police Academy. While serving in the Orange Police Department he made many lifelong friends and served as a Patrolman, Master Patrolman, and Detective. He spent the majority of his career in Orange working as an undercover Narcotics Detective. He loved his job and his friends and he was very proud of taking one and a half sick days in 11 years, when his boss sent him home because he was throwing up on duty.

After 11 years at Orange PD, he became an Investigator for the Orange County District Attorney's Office. He made many more lifelong friends while serving proudly with the District Attorney. While serving with the Orange County DA he and his second wife Jane Nadeau had twins Dustin and Lindsay Nadeau. They were born premature and he spent countless hours with them in the hospital. After 7 years with the Orange County District Attorney's Office he moved to the Riverside District Attorney.

During this time he met and married Angela Nadeau, and became stepdad to Cara and Agostino, father in law to Scott and eventually grandpa to Gabby and Ava. Dad spent the final twenty two years of his life with Angela and they were married for seventeen years.

His son Jeff married Kelli and he became a very caring father in law and a proud and loving grandpa to Jake, Taryn, Michael and Ryann. I will never forget the tears of joy in his eyes as he cheered for Michael, who pitched and won the Championship game of an 8 and under baseball tournament and the pride he showed taking pictures with Michael and his MVP medal.

He spent 7 more years as a Senior Investigator with the Riverside District Attorney. Again, making lifelong friends and trying to make a difference in people's lives. While working for the Riverside DA he may have experienced one of the highlights of his career. He was able to solve a twenty three year old murder that was made into a book called Honour Thy Mother by Rick

Boychuk. This case resulted in two more lifelong friendships with Jeannine Durand's children Denis Durand and Ann Halberg. Finally, my dad had to retire from his career in law enforcement in order to qualify for Social Security. He took a job in the private sector, investigating insurance fraud for CNA before retiring for good to spend time with his beloved wife Angela and his family.

He spent his retirement years with Angela and his friends and family. He spent most of his time with Angela, loving to help take care of Cara's girls and I know how much he loved being a dad and a grandpa! He walked thousands of miles throughout Riverside County with his beloved sidekick Duke. He loved spending time at the Trilogy clubhouse, playing pool with his friends, telling stories and working out in the fitness center. He always said he swam like a rock but he even swam a few laps in the pool. My dad was a master story teller, and when time robbed him of his memories, I spent our last years together pushing him in his wheel chair and retelling him the stories that I had heard throughout my life. Stories about growing up on the plains of Manitoba with his beloved family, his time in the Army and his career in law enforcement . Through all the laughter and a few tears too, I think that is what I miss most about my dad...his stories. I would love to hear him tell just one more.

Jean Nadeau is survived by his wife Angela. Children Jeff Nadeau, Dustin Nadeau, Lindsay Nadeau, Cara Ruffolo and Agostino Bommarito, daughter-in-law Kelli Nadeau, son-in-law Scott Ruffolo and grandchildren Jacob Kersey, Taryn Nadeau, Michael Nadeau, Ryann Nadeau, Gabriella Ruffolo, Ava Ruffolo, Isabella Martinez and Garrett Nadeau and siblings Yvette Nadeau, Leo Nadeau, Annette Gosselin, Anita Bisson, Adele Vermette, Denis Nadeau and Jessica Nadeau daughter-in-law.

See below for the service time, date and driving directions.

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Honors

JAN 19. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA 92518

Celebration of Life & Reception

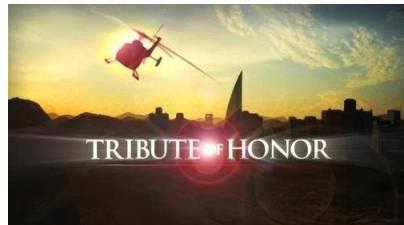
JAN 19. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Pacific Crest Lodge
24503 Trilogy Parkway
Corona, CA 92883

Tribute Wall



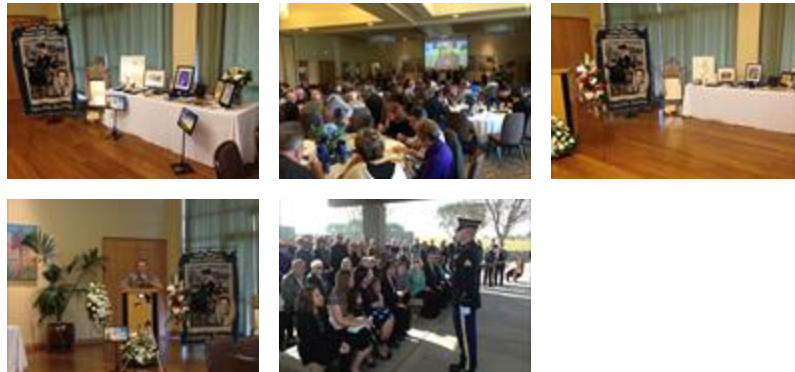
“ Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Aime "Jean" Nadeau



Reflecting on Memories - January 09, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Funeral



Reflecting on Memories - January 20, 2016 at 08:35 AM

BC

“ Buzz & Tamie; Shawn & Mason; Staci & family, and Cheri purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jean Aime "Jean" Nadeau.



Buzz & Tamie; Shawn & Mason; Staci & family, and Cheri -
January 18, 2016 at 01:38 PM

LG

“ We didn't meet Jean until he moved to Trilogy but we did hear many of his stories. He went to the gym with us and played pool with "Mr. George" (as he called my husband) three times a week. He was kind and happy and always willing to help with any project we were working on. He did get upset occasionally...flying golf balls, maintenance crews parked on streets marked "No Parking"...they were "scum bags"!!! We miss Jean very much but know he is now at peace.

Linda and George

Linda & George - January 15, 2016 at 01:03 PM

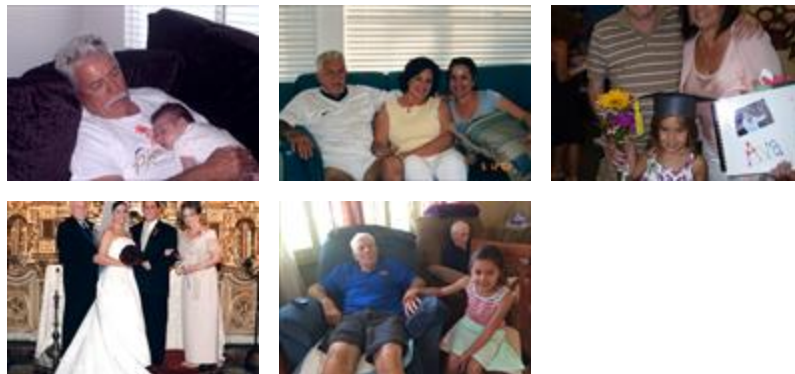
MN

“ I met Jean in the early 1980's when there were no LE officers with the last name of "Nadeau" in the Southern California area. Everyone had a good laugh when we told them we were related. He was a great guy! Thank you, Mike Nadeau

Mike Nadeau - January 14, 2016 at 08:40 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Reflecting on Memories - January 12, 2016 at 11:26 PM

FS

“ *from Geoff, Shannon and Luke Spencer purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jean Aime "Jean" Nadeau.*



from Geoff, Shannon and Luke Spencer - January 12, 2016 at 10:44 PM

LC

“ *Love, Uncle Jack, Cousins Aaron & Brian Cady purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jean Aime "Jean" Nadeau.*



Love, Uncle Jack, Cousins Aaron & Brian Cady - January 12, 2016 at 04:06 PM

AN

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Anne - January 10, 2016 at 01:38 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Reflecting on Memories - January 08, 2016 at 11:08 AM

JM

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Jean Nadeau. I worked with Jean for many years while employed at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. He was a good man and a great investigator. While working cases I had the opportunity to assist him in the field on several occasions. I have only three things to say; Thank god the old man decided not to shoot. The pit bull knew what a 45 cal was. And, the attorney general decided not to prosecute. Rest in peace Jean.

Jonathan Mosley - January 07, 2016 at 09:19 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Reflecting on Memories - January 07, 2016 at 03:39 PM

JC

“ Angela, Jeff, Lindsay, & Dustin, Sharing your grief and offering my sincere condolences in the loss of your Husband & Father. Will see you at the Service.

What a Wonderful Man. We all are Blessed to have shared his life with many unforgettable memories. Thank you Jean for what you have meant to so many.

God Bless You All, "Uncle" Jack Cady

Jack Cady - January 05, 2016 at 10:55 AM

LD

“ My sincere condolence to his wife, children and all his family. I met M. Nadeau when he came down to our house in Chelsea, Quebec Canada in 1990 or 1991.

I was married to Denis Durand at that time. What a great man he was M. Nadeau, very nice and funny.

I'm sure he is watching over us.

Line (Lynn) Durand

Line Durand - January 04, 2016 at 08:26 PM

PL

“ Bernie & Pauline want to offer our sincere condolences to all of Aime 's family. We trust that God will be there to help you in this difficult time.

Pauline & Bernie Loiselle - January 01, 2016 at 09:15 AM



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Reflecting on Memories - December 31, 2015 at 11:46 PM



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Reflecting on Memories - December 31, 2015 at 11:43 AM



Christine
N Sean
Jackson

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Chum but my most cherished is when him and I stood up together as Alex's Godparents. Our family was so fortunate to have him and we will miss him dearly.

Christine N Sean Jackson - December 30, 2015 at 02:11 PM



Diana
Perez

“ The rockabilly hair, the French Canadian mustache, the habitual toothpick, the name that totally fit him, the twinkle in his eyes, the low key personality and a suave & charming manner. To me, he was always a delightful mystery, keeping some kind of special secret from us all. Rest in peace, Jeanaime.
Dee Perez

Diana Perez - December 29, 2015 at 07:06 PM

TM

“ When I first was assigned to the "bullpen" as an IA, I had a cubicle next to Jean. He was already a friend but he showed me such kindness and respect. He gave wonderful bear hugs, was always smiling, and of course, the ever present toothpick. He was definitely one of the best - thanks for the memories and rest easy.

Terri Mason - December 29, 2015 at 05:20 PM

 Susan Johnson

“ I will remember this man who was always smiling, freely sharing his wisdom, and chewing on a toothpick. We shared some amazing times when we worked together at the District Attorney's Office. Godspeed, my friend!

Susan Johnson - December 29, 2015 at 04:28 PM

JA

“ While saddened to hear that Jean has moved on from this part of his journey, I cannot help but smile when I think of the many memorable times we shared. Jean and I worked together from the time he came to the District Attorneys Office to the day he left. Through Family Support, Felony Panel, and the newly formed Narcotics Unit, I could always count on Jean to bring stability and wisdom to the task at hand. He was a true friend, partner, and a man of faith and courage.

The man with the great laugh, constant smile and that always present toothpick will be missed, but he will always be remembered by his friends and family and the community that he faithfully served. Rest in Peace My Friend.

Jim Aumond

Jim Aumond - December 29, 2015 at 03:15 PM

LR

“ To the whole Nadeau family, our sincerest sympathy and our prayers go out to you during these difficult times. I have memories of Aimé when I was a boarder at his parents place in 1966, of his kind nature and his good sense of humour. He will in your hearts always. RIP Aimé!

Gilbert and Lise Ruest

Lise Ruest - December 29, 2015 at 01:42 PM

DS

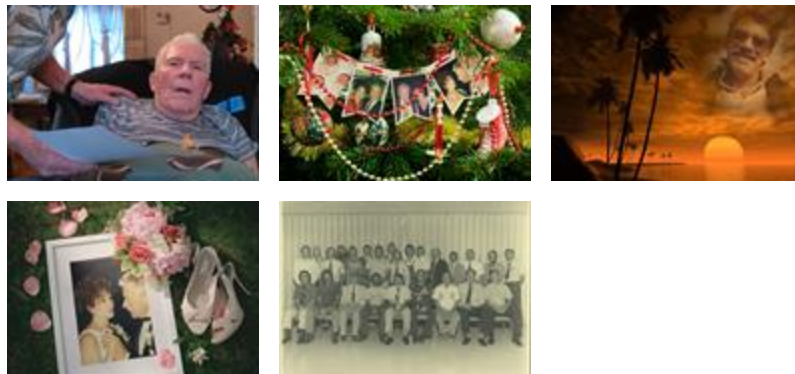
“ He truly was one of the good guys. I never saw him without a smile on his face or a toothpick in his mouth. Great guy!!

Don Sullivent.

Don Sullivent - December 28, 2015 at 08:27 PM



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Reflecting on Memories - December 28, 2015 at 07:18 PM

DE

Thank you for posting theses, brought back great memories to a life well lived. Denis

Denis - December 29, 2015 at 10:10 AM

AD

Awesome, awesome pictures! What great memories! Only one picture missing; my big brother trying to get # 1 son out of the tree, over the river in Busch Gardens!

Adele - December 29, 2015 at 11:04 AM

MN

I am deeply saddened by "mon oncle" Chum's passing. I hadn't seen him much in past years but what I do recall the excitement generated by the news of his pending visits to Manitoba. He was a walking magnet; everyone gravitated to him. There's one more thing ... wow! what a handsome guy.

I know for a fact that mom and dad (older brother, Maurice) were very proud of him. They loved him not only as a brother/brother-in-law but also liked and respected him as a human being.

RIP mon oncle. Marcelle Nadeau

Marcelle Nadeau - January 04, 2016 at 09:34 PM

BR

“ I am saddened when ever we loose one of the Station 33 personnel. Jean is in a better place and hopefully my Mother is helping him adjust.

Bill Rouse - December 28, 2015 at 06:54 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. He was one of the good guys. We had some great times together working at the DA's Office. I will always remember the fun times we had at the Investigators Christmas party and the crazy Narcotic Officer meetings. Jean you will be truly missed. Love you my friend.
Maryann Hall

Maryann Hall - December 28, 2015 at 06:31 PM

DD

“ *Jeanaime "Jean",*

I have so many good memories of our time together, both on the job and off! Our time on this earth together will always remain with me as long as I live! Thank you Brother for sharing your life!

Dick Diaz

Dick Diaz - December 28, 2015 at 04:42 PM

BH

“ *To the family of Jean.....I am saddened to learn of his passing! Find comfort in knowing that he is no longer suffering, and that we will all be reunited in the future!*

Jean was a caring, fun guy, and I am the lucky to have crossed paths with him in my life time!

Sincerely,

Bruce Hessler

RIP Jean!

Bruce Hessler - December 28, 2015 at 03:39 PM

CM

To both Jean and Angela! We are so saddened by Jean's passing, but also happy that I was able to be with him prior to his passing. He is no longer suffering. He was a blessing in my/our lives, as a great friend, partner and roommate. I know we will be together in heaven. Rest in peace my brother, We will always love you.

Angela We love you like a sister. If there is anything you need, please let me know.

In loving memory, Curt and Anita McMillan

Curtis and Anita McMillan - December 28, 2015 at 05:20 PM

AV

To my nephews Jeff and Dustin my niece Lindsey, my friends Angela and Kay I so wish I could be with you at this difficult time. It is hard to be so far from you all but his problems are done and he is in the hands of the Lord. I hope we can see each other another time in happier circumstances.

Adele Vermette - December 28, 2015 at 06:51 PM

DK

Dustin, Lins, Angela, Jean was such a very special man, loved his family so much. So glad you were there with him during this special time to help him cross over to be in God's hands. So hard to let go, but so hard to see him suffer in the end. Even though he may not have suffered in the physical sense for him not to be his full self with family and friends and be the man he was is painful for all. Just a dear special man who left many a footprints in many people hearts.

Debby J Kelly - December 28, 2015 at 09:39 PM

MW

Deep sorrow at the passing of a truly good man.

Michael Wellins

michael wellins - December 28, 2015 at 10:12 PM

KR

*So sorry for your loss , sending peace and love to you and your Family, please let your Mom know we are thinking of her . God Bless you all.
Kim and Mike Ruffolo*

kim Ruffololo - December 29, 2015 at 10:02 AM

VD

*To the whole Nadeau family, our sincerest sympathy and our prayers go out to you during these difficult times, RIP Jean, God speed....
Viv Delorme & Family*

Viv Delorme - December 29, 2015 at 11:41 PM

SR

Condolences from Sharron and myself to Jean's entire family. He was a great friend and partner. My first experience with Jean was as his training officer in patrol. Later, we worked together in narcotics and other assignments. The quality I most remember was his true honesty and dignity while performing his job. He was always a joy to be around. You could tell he loved his job as he was always smiling with a positive attitude. Often, after work, the fun would begin. He inspired me as a runner. He would come to work after doing 4 miles and say how good it felt. Do to Jean's influence, I started running and never stopped until my late 60's. He was a good friend and police officer. I'm proud to have known him. He was addicted to toothpicks!

Until we meet again.

Dean & Sharron Richards - OPD 1998

Sharron & Dean Richards - January 02, 2016 at 09:22 PM

DD

*To all the Nadeau family our deepest sympathy.
We will miss him greatly, he was like a big brother to us.
We first met him in 1991 in the search for our mother Jeannine.
He brought closure to the mystery of our search for her.
Over the years we always kept in touch, calling each others on our
birthdays and talking on the phone, going out to lunch, he always was
happy see us.
We know now he is in heaven with our mother Jeannine*

Denis & Anne

Repose en paix mon amie mon chum.

Denis Durand - January 04, 2016 at 08:49 AM

JM

*Martha and I were saddened by the news of the passing of Jean
Aimee. He was a fellow investigator and a good friend. He was always
cordial, funny and seemed to always be smiling with the ever present
toothpick in his mouth. We send our sincere condolences to the family.
Jedry Montgomery*

Jerry Montgomery - January 04, 2016 at 01:22 PM

DD

*My deepest sympathy to the Nadeau family. We met February 23,
1970, when it was our first day together at the L.A.P.D. Academy, then
times when our paths crossed in Orange County on investigations and
finally when we worked together at the D.A.'s Office. Jean was
trustworthy , honest and a lover of life, he was a GOOD man.*

Dan DiSanto - January 05, 2016 at 11:14 AM

SG

Godspeed "Jean Claude"... Truly one of the good guys ... Steve Gomez

Steve Gomez - January 06, 2016 at 05:53 PM