



## Eric Edward Velasquez

Over 31 years ago, just after midnight on Monday, March 7, 1994, Eric Edward Velasquez, 21, was killed instantly by a single, large-caliber round. According to autopsy results, the bullet entered Eric's right shoulder, pierced both lungs, his aorta, and exited through the left side of his back.

This is a graphic and tragic end to Eric's life. He was not associated with drugs or gang activity. He studied art at UCSB, played football in high school, worked tirelessly at multiple jobs, baby-sat his 10-year-old brother and often prepared family dinners.

Santa Paula police arrived at the scene in response to multiple reports of a single gunshot. There they found Eric lying dead under the carport of a small garden apartment complex at 720 N. Ojai Rd., directly adjacent to Mill Park. Although a Ventura resident, Eric was simply visiting an acquaintance whose mother and sister also lived in the multi-dwelling unit.

There are conflicting reports as to what happened in the hours prior to Eric's death. At the time, police reported to local news outlets that the murder could have been a "revenge slaying." In fact, officers responded to the same location at 10:30 p.m. regarding a quarrel between Eric and a "chunky guy" (and possibly others), over a previously vandalized car. Police broke up the disagreement and sent everyone on their way.

Then, just after midnight, Eric went out to the parking lot to return to his Ventura home... he never made it to his car.

His family is heartbroken. For 31+ years, Eric's mother has worked tirelessly to unravel the clues surrounding Eric's murder. She sadly admitted that simply

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*CAH Annual  
Meeting  
Saturday  
May 10, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
(Lunch Provided)  
Contempo Marin  
Community Center  
400 Yosemite Rd.  
San Rafael, CA*

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# CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

## About Us

The majority of our CAH Board Members have lost a loved one to murder. We will never “get over” our tremendous losses, but we do “get through” the grief. Becoming proactive; assisting/supporting families throughout the most difficult time of their lives and guiding them through the complicated criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for families of homicide victims.

## CAH Objectives

- Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system;
- Act as Liaison between families and investigative law enforcement;
- Provide assistance with Parole Opposition Letters;
- Accompany families to parole suitability hearings (when possible);
- Provide trial and courtroom support (when possible);
- Facilitate Reward Billboards (when/where possible);
- Provide information on pending crime legislation

## Protecting Your Own Interests

We cannot prepare for the devastating event that changes our lives forever. We can only react. You will need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and (today) the unavoidable parole hearings. CAH will help you take action to protect your own interests.

If you know of a family or friend who may need our help, please share the information we have provided here.

## Location for Meetings

We hold bi-monthly meetings on the second Sunday of the month at Loch Lomond Yacht Club - 95 Loch Lomond Drive, San Rafael, CA. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend.

# Chuck Mitchell

AUGUST 6, 1946–JANUARY 28, 2025

A few heartfelt words about our dear friend Chuck Mitchell

The paths of Chuck and CAH crossed when, after reading about CAH in a local paper, he called for our opinion—“which of the candidate Judges in Marin County should I vote for?” After answering his question, we invited him to our next meeting. This was in 2002, and the rest is history. He accepted the invite and never missed a meeting thereafter without good reason.

From that day forward, Chuck was one of the first to arrive for each meeting and religiously toted a box—that beautiful pink box full of the best donuts ever. Although he rarely would partake in these delicacies, the rest of us found ourselves looking forward to them. They became his trademark and he became an integral part of our

CAH organization. His stellar intelligence, sound/solid opinions, calm/cool demure were recognized and greatly appreciated by everyone. Chuck’s brilliant sense of humor also deserves notable recognition. He always had a suggestion and if not a suggestion, there was always “have you heard this one”. He had it all and we miss him.

During his recent Celebration of Life, I enjoyed listening to his family as they shared those special moments and memories of their beloved “Uncle Chuck” or “Uncle Chuckie”. Interestingly, he was a bit of a daredevil; he liked fast cars and fast bikes. He was truly a self-made man full of life, love, a zest for life and not afraid to find adventure. Finally, their love for him was obvious and immeasurable. He made such a positive impact on their lives

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## Officers

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## Citizens Against Homicide

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Website: [www.citizensagainsthomicide.org](http://www.citizensagainsthomicide.org)

## CAH Victim Advocate:

For advice regarding your individual murder case, 1-209-743-7033  
cahadvocate@yahoo.com

## Eric Edward Velasquez

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knowing what happened that fateful night would ease her mind. “I know my prayers are getting to him. When you have a child die, part of you is gone, and the pain does not go away.”

Although local law enforcement investigated several possible suspects, including the “chunky man” involved in the argument with Eric, no arrests have been made. Someone holds the key to this senseless murder, and it is time to do the right thing and come forward. The Santa Paula police need further information regarding the shooter, or someone who knows the shooter.

There is an active \$50,000 Governor’s Reward Proclamation for anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of Eric’s killer.

### KNOW SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

If you have any information relating to the unsolved homicide of Eric Velasquez there are three ways to submit an anonymous tip through Crime Stoppers: 1) call the Crime Stoppers tip line at 800-222-8477; 2) visit P3Tips.com or download the P3Tips app; or 3) visit [venturacountycrimestoppers.org](http://venturacountycrimestoppers.org) and click on “Submit a Tip.” Should your anonymous tip result in

a felony arrest, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 through Crime Stoppers.

Your identity is always encrypted and anonymous. No personal information, phone number, e-mail, IP address or location is ever requested, saved, traced, tracked or monitored. It is not necessary to testify to receive a reward, and you remain 100% anonymous without fear of retaliation.

In addition, you can always contact local law enforcement or the Ventura County Cold Case Unit at (805) 383-8739 or email [coldcase@ventura.org](mailto:coldcase@ventura.org).

## Chuck Mitchell

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with his unconditional love and support—The person he was for his family is the same wonderful person he was to Citizens Against Homicide—A gift.

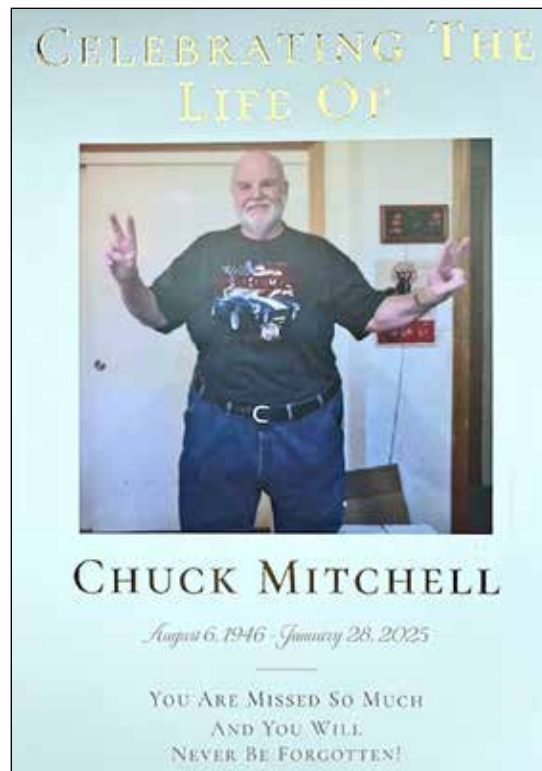
Chuck you are and will always be missed. You were a wonderful and unforgettable friend. Thank you for your years of support and commitment to our victim advocacy cause. Thank you for being a part of our CAH family.

We love you.

Jan Miller

Gene, Shellie, Eryn Cervantes

All CAH board members  
current and past



### Success

By Bessie Anderson-Stanley

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often  
and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure  
women; the respect of intelligent men and the love of little  
children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his  
tasks; who has left the world better than he found it,  
whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a  
rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's  
beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for  
the best in others and given them the best he had;  
whose life was an inspiration;  
whose memory a benediction.

# Parole & Clemency Hearings

**These parole hearings are imminent.  
Send letters in support of these families today.**

*The family of Tristan Thomas Daily is requesting letters of opposition be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom. On March 26, 2025, the Board of Parole Hearings found convicted murderer Joseph Lee Daily suitable for parole. Following is a sample letter which can be copied/pasted and emailed to: parole@gov.ca.gov. Thank you for your support.*

(DATE)

Governor Newsom  
Email: parole@gov.ca.gov

RE: Joseph Lee Daily—CDC# K-0624

Dear Governor Newsom~

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Joseph Lee Daily. On May 5, 1995, Joseph Daily brutally and senselessly beat his own infant son, Tristan Thomas Daily, seven (7) weeks old. Little Tristan died a terribly slow and horrific death as the result of head trauma, when his father repeatedly

slammed his head against the wall. He then deserted Tristan's unconscious little body on the floor. A neighbor called 911 and when paramedics arrived, they discovered Joseph Daily had fled the family home. According to medical staff at Children's Hospital in San Diego, CA, the blows sustained by Tristan were equivalent to a fall from a three-story building. The baby's injuries consisted of multiple fractures; to include the skull, with severe head trauma and brain damage. Tristan remained in the hospital for five (5) days until he succumbed from his injuries on May 9, 1995.

Joseph Daily immediately fled the state, as the coward he is, and was harbored by his family until arrested and extradited back to California for trial. He was convicted of Second Degree Murder and Felony Assault Against a Child and was sentenced to 15 Years To Life. It was only during his first Parole Suitability Hearing in 2007, that this convicted murderer

admitted to being responsible for the death of his infant son; that Tristan was being "punished" for wetting on him during a diaper change.

On March 26, 2025, Tristan Daily's family received the worst news since the day he was murdered. The Board of Parole Hearings actually found this unstable, heartless sociopath suitable for parole. We are shocked and feel betrayed with this decision, given Joseph Daily's complete disregard for human life, lack of remorse and conscience for brutally beating and killing his own infant son. This senseless act of violence, in this murderer's own words, "a punishment", was a personal choice made by Joseph Lee Daily.

Tristan never had the opportunity to grow, thrive and enjoy life. His innocent seven (7) week-old life was brutally snuffed out by the hand of a man who chose brutal violence in lieu of nurturing love. Joseph Daily does not deserve a second chance or the privilege of freedom.

I respectfully request you review this matter and come to the same conclusion that Tristan Daily's family has maintained since his brutal and senseless murder. One cannot help but question, "What kind of a man could torture and then murder his own baby?" Anymore today, the only people serving life sentences are those who have lost loved ones to murder. Please deny parole to convicted murderer, Joseph Lee Daily, for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Thank you for your consideration.

(NAME/SIGNATURE)

## AB 622— Bill for Early Release of Murderers?

Dear Friends,

AB 622 squeaked out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee with a bare minimum five votes. The other four are recorded as not voting, but in the California Legislature not voting is effectively the same as voting no. While it would have been better to kill it in committee, this minimum support for it on a committee stacked with soft-on-crime types does raise some hope that

we may have a chance to defeat it on the floor. We probably have a better shot in the Assembly than in the Senate.

Please see a copy of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation opposition letter (attached). Copy/paste/send to your Assembly member AND get the word out to everyone you can to write their Assembly members urging a "NO" vote on this abomination! Thank you for your support!





## ROOSTER RUN GOLF CLUB

2301 East Washington Street  
Petaluma, California

### Course Rules

Collared Shirt      Soft Spikes Only

### Prizes

- Hole-in-One
- Closest to the Pin
  - Long Drive
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
- A & B Flights

### Silent Auction

If your company is interested in donating items for the tournament goodie bags, silent auction, it would be of a great benefit to Citizens Against Homicide and to the success of the event. Please use this link if you are interested in donating:

<https://citizensagainsthomicide.ejoinme.org/itemdonation>

### Tournament Information

Date: Friday, August 1, 2025 Rain or Shine!  
Location: Rooster Run Golf Club  
Format: Scramble  
Maximum # of Players: 124  
Player Fees: \$200  
Entry Fee Includes: Green fees, golf cart, driving range, lunch and dinner.

### Tournament Schedule

Registration: 10:00    Putting Contest: 11:00  
Lunch: Noon  
Shotgun Starts 1:30  
Dinner: 6:15 (Awards and Auction)

### Registration

To register for play or to become a sponsor, please use this link:

<https://citizensagainsthomicide.ejoinme.org/registrationandsponsorships>



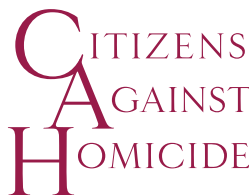
## -31st Annual- Charity Golf Classic

August 1, 2025

Benefiting the Members of  
CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Hosted at:

ROOSTER RUN GOLF CLUB  
2301 EAST WASHINGTON STREET  
PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA



Citizens Against Homicide is a nonprofit public benefit organization started by local victims, and other interested parties, to serve the families of homicide victims.

Because the law enforcement community has become increasingly aware of the rights of victims within the criminal justice system, it is critical for victims, law enforcement, and the public to work together.

All proceeds from this golf tournament will be used to sustain activities which help victims cope with the criminal justice system and raise public awareness of victims rights.

Such activities include attending trial and courtroom hearings, monitoring paroles, supporting law enforcement, serving on judicial and legislative watchdog committees, educating the populace concerning the rights of families of homicide victims, and helping families obtain information leading to the resolution of unsolved murders.



CAH Helps Balance The Scales

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### Sponsorship Opportunities

#### ☐ SINGLE TICKET ADMISSION      \$200.00

Includes entry to golf tournament, lunch, dinner, practice bucket of balls and a great time!

#### ☐ FOURSOME ADMISSION      \$800.00

Includes 4 entries to golf tournament, lunch for 4, dinner for 4, practice bucket of balls for each player and a great time!

#### ☐ PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR      \$700.00

Includes 1 player and name on putting contest sign!

#### ☐ AWARD SPONSOR      \$7,000.00

Includes two foursomes and logo on check in tables!

#### ☐ SHIRT SPONSOR      \$7,000.00

Includes two foursomes and banquet table sign!

#### ☐ TEE PRIZE SPONSOR      \$5,000.00

Includes two foursomes and logo recognition on 30th anniversary gift!

#### ☐ LOGO BALL SPONSOR      \$3,000.00

Includes one foursome and logo ball insignia!

#### ☐ LUNCH SPONSOR      \$3,000.00

Includes one foursome and lunch table sign!

#### ☐ BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR      \$3,000.00

Includes one foursome player entry and special cart sign!

#### ☐ WINE SPONSOR      \$3,000.00

Includes one foursome player entry and banquet table sign!

#### ☐ DESSERT SPONSOR      \$3,000.00

Includes one foursome player entry and banquet table sign!

#### ☐ HONORARY SPONSOR      \$1,000.00

Includes entry for two players

#### ☐ HOLE SPONSOR      \$500.00

If you would like to become one of our tournament sponsors or contribute with a monetary donation, please use this link:

<https://citizensagainsthomicide.ejoinme.org/registrationandsponsorships>

Although I am unable to play golf this day, I would like to help make a difference by my enclosed donation of

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# Ora Mae Knowell

JUNE 2, 1945–MARCH 31, 2025

It is with tremendous sadness to announce the passing of yet another cherished Citizens Against Homicide (CAH) Board Member. Gene and I met Ora over 20 years ago when we joined CAH. She had already been a long-time member of CAH and we were newbies looking for help with our family's double homicide case. There was an instant connection with Ora; she was lovely, warm, kind and welcoming—We were shocked to learn that Ora lost two sons to homicide. As time passed, we shared in a common goal—to assist countless families going through the same life-changing losses.

Ora was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, and dedicated friend whose kindness and wisdom touched all who were lucky enough to



know her. She was a devoted mother to five children, three of whom survive her and proudly raised two grandchildren as her own. Her family brought her immense joy and pride and her love for them was immeasurable. She leaves behind a legacy of strength, love, unwavering and unconditional support.

I remember thinking back through the years how amazingly strong she was. After losing two sons, she had the fortitude to work through her tremendous grief by giving of herself to others.

Ora, (known as the “Neighborhood Grandmother”) genuinely cared about children suffering the loss of parents by violence. In 2002, she founded the *Fatherless Children Foundation: Backpack Giveaway*. Each year she and her supporters would gather at 10th and Center in Oakland, CA to hand out backpacks to children in need. In an interview, she stated “I chose this location because so many young people were killed right there in that spot.

Children lost many loved ones there and I needed to do something to comfort these kids. There were so many kids suffering.”

In 2005, while volunteering to teach sewing to a group of students at Millennium High School in Piedmont, she came up with an artwork idea—hence began her creation of quilts in honor of her two sons and then for families of homicide victims. Her quilts were by far her most personal expression of her loss and those of other victims. They were displayed everywhere from the Capitol's Victim Rights Week to countless victim awareness conferences and rallies. Ora stated many times “If they don't have a voice, I want to be their voice. I want to speak with them (families) to let them know that somebody cares.”

Ora was a recipient of the 2018 Bay Area Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service, an honor she wholeheartedly deserved.

The love and compassion in Ora's heart knew no boundaries. She cared deeply for families suffering the loss of loved ones to homicide and she will always be remembered for her tremendous outreach efforts.

Ora, my dear friend, rest easy knowing how many lives you touched. Thank you for making this world a better place for so many.

Shellie, Gene, Jan, Eryn  
and the entire CAH Board





## Dennis Palmer

On March 18, 2025, Citizens Against Homicide Victim Advocates, Gene and Shellie Cervantes met with friends of homicide victim, Dennis Palmer at the CAH facilitated Reward For Information Billboard in Clements, CA. KCRA Channel 3 graciously accepted our invitation for an interview and TBD expose. A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to KCRA and OUTFRONT MEDIA for your help in publicly bringing forth unsolved homicide cases.

On August 3, 1987, Dennis Palmer (age 33) disappeared from his residence on Middle Bar Rd. in Jackson, CA. His body was discovered on August 20, 1987 in a mine

shaft on his property. This case is solvable. There were suspects (one in possession of the victim's pickup), however, Amador County Sheriff's Office needs further information/evidence to move forward with the arrest(s). Someone holds the key to this mystery, and our message is—After almost 38 years of remaining silent, it is time to do the right

thing—come forward. The Palmer family deserved answers; Dennis deserves justice!



## Quote of the Month



*"There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they are gone the light remains."*

—Unknown

## Unclaimed Restitution

### English

Were you the victim of a crime and the court ordered you restitution? The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may have collected money for you. Contact the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services to inquire if you have unclaimed money from a direct order of restitution. To update your address or to obtain additional information, call CDCR toll free at 1-877-256-6877 or visit <https://unclaimedrestitution.cdcr.ca.gov/>.

### Spanish

Si usted fue victima de un crimen y la corte le otorgo restitution, es posible que el Departamento de Correcciones y Rehabilitacion haya recibido dinero a su favor. Llame a la oficina de Victimas y Sobrevivientes para preguntar si usted tiene restitution que no se haya reclamado. Para obtener mas informacion, llame gratis al 1-877-256-6877 o visitar <https://unclaimedrestitution.cdcr.ca.gov/>.

## How can you request compensation for travel costs to a parole hearing?

The Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services has funds available through a federal grant which allows for reimbursement to victims and next-of-kin for costs associated with travel to parole hearings.

For information on how to apply for travel reimbursement contact OVSRS at 1-877-256-6877.

