

Rudi Leonardi: A Life worth Reviewing

Dear former classmates,

Many of you, who follow Facebook or X more than I do, may have already heard that our former classmate Rudi Leonardi has died surrounded by his 2 brothers and 3 sisters. With my poor memory I decided to review his time in the seminary and beyond as he most eloquently told with humor and grit I never knew he had. Here is his intro to his bio on our webpage.

I treasure my time in the seminary...what an awesome place to grow up, to navigate how to be of use, to meet such interesting from around California, and just figure it all out with spirituality and service. It wasn't always easy for a Wyoming/Utah boy, but I laughed and cried and grew up with some remarkable wonderful human beings. Yes, "boys were boys" slung mud, played competitive sports, danced through a rigorous curricula, and survived in a cloistered environment..."

More of Rudi's rich life and refreshing antics in the sem and beyond can be found here <https://jobarlives.com/sjs/bios/bio.leonardi.html> The long version IMHO is the best.



ADDENDA: Apologies for trying to cut and paste from our webpage, and having the computer see things differently. Thanks to Jim Harvey for pointing this out, for Jack Snider for having a mass said for Rudi (as he has done for others) at 6:45 am at Benicia on February 6th. (I'll be there in spirit cuz traffic at that time is crazy.) And for immediate responses about Rudi from Buz, Mike Huvane, Mike Splain, Tom Hanson, Frank Cardinelli, and others to come. One particular story I was impressed about was how the Sulps got the word out to various parents to take in a few of the guys from Utah who couldn't afford the trip back home over Easter break. We had several over at one time, so did the Splain family who housed Rudi himself.

Hoping you are as well as you can be at this stage of our lives. Peace and Love,

Joe Barile