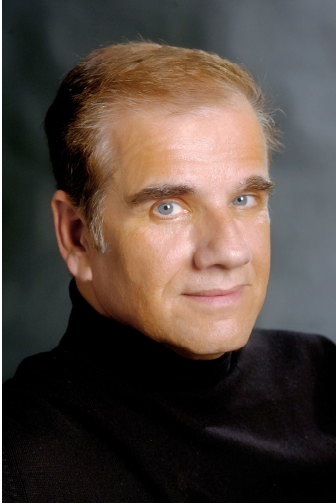


## The Passing of a Great Leader



Donald Gansheimer, CFO/COO of BALLETSAN JOSE, passed away suddenly on Monday, November 12th in his Palo Alto home from a heart attack.

It is ironic that Donald died just days before the new ballet season was to open (November 15 with Carmina Burana) and that the show and the season was doing so very well. He waited every day for the Box Office report, and had been so excited about the recent numbers. Just one hour after we learned that he had passed, the box office confirmed that we had more than DOUBLED the single ticket goal for Carmina. Donald had also led an outreach campaign over recent months to bring in new subscribers. We have already added

over 500 subscribers to last year's totals, and more than doubled the number of subscribers for our series of ballets for young audiences. This is shaping up to be our best season in years.

Donald would have been proud, and rightfully so.

Donald Gansheimer

Born: 4/22/45 Rhode Island

Died: 11/12/07 (at his home in Palo Alto)

Passed away on Monday morning at home suddenly of a heart attack.

Leaves behind wife Andrea and two children Craig, 36 (works as a senior systems engineer at GAP Corporation) and Sara, 30 (recent graduate of Tulane University Law School/New Orleans). Currently an attorney at Harmon Law Offices in Boston, MA.

Joined Ballet San Jose in October 2003.

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer

He joked that his Mafia nickname was "Donny Tutu" since he worked for the ballet.

He was referred to around the office (and often introduced himself) as "The Donald."

Associations:

Financial Executive International; Director, Santa Clara Chapter (membership director)

Team San Jose, Director

San Jose Downtown Association, Board Member

Northern California Human Resources Association, member

Previously:

Director of Business Development, Solomon Page Group; Management Solutions, Inc. San Jose

Managing Principal, Higher Education/Government Division. Oracle Corporation, Redwood Shores, CA

BS, Business Administration, Bryant College, Smithfield, RI

Served as an MP in National Guard. R.I. 1972

Served in Vietnam

SERVICES:

A viewing is tentatively scheduled for Friday 11/16 from 2pm to 4pm.

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Services to be held on Saturday, 11/17 at 10am at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 751 Waverly Street in Palo Alto.

The family asks that donations be made to Ballet San Jose, 40 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113