

Obtaining a Santa Clara County Obituary

If the library staff were unable to find the obituary you needed by searching our electronic resources: *San Jose Mercury News* which covers June 1, 1985 to the present or the *San Jose Mercury and Evening News Historical Archives* which covers 1884-1922, here are other options for obtaining an obituary (and/or a death certificate):

If you are in the local area, go to the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library** 150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose, CA 95112 to search the newspaper microfilm.

If you are not in the area, we suggest you use your local library's Interlibrary Loan service to order microfilm of the *San Jose Mercury News* and other California newspapers (some back to 1850) from the California State Library.

For pay researchers:

The **Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society** offers a reasonably priced research service. Use this link: <http://scchgs.org/shop/research.html> or you can write to the Society at Santa Clara City Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051, Attention: Research Consultant. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Society recommends that requestors fill out the application <http://scchgs.org/shop/research.html>. For pre-1987 obituaries, consultants must travel to San Jose—thus additional time may be needed to fill the request. A fee is charged.

Silicon Valley Library System Reference Center <http://obit.systemref.org>

To obtain a **death certificate**, contact the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder's Office at ClerkRecorder@rec.sccgov.org or call (408) 299-5669; information also is available at <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rec/Death%20Certificate/Pages/Death-Certificates.aspx>