Mario Felice (Marty) Errante(1918 - 2016)



April 29, 1918 - October 25, 2016

Born to Italian immigrants, Rose and Ascenzio Errante, and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Mario was signed as a pitcher to a professional baseball contract upon graduation from Brooklyn Technical High School, and then was drafted into the U.S. Army - Air Force. Marty continued his baseball career in the military while stationed at Randolph AFB in San Antonio, TX, where he met his wife, Doris, and was married in 1945. He was also stationed at Hondo AFB before being transferred to Fresno, CA., in preparation for overseas assignment, but WWII ended.

In full swing, Marty's pitching career took him to Montgomery, AL; Dallas, Del Rio and Laredo, TX, plus Monterrey and Merida, Mexico, for winter play. Retiring from baseball at age 32, Marty moved his young family back to his New York family ties and reinvented himself through night school while working in the aircraft industry for Republic Aviation. He retired from a long and successful engineering career at Northrup Grumman Aviation where he played a significant role in development of NASA's Lunar Landing Module. Marty worked side by side with the original lunar astronauts and was assigned to Grumman's contingent group at NASA Control in Clearlake City, Texas.

Upon retirement from Grumman in 1978, Marty and Doris moved back to San Antonio to enjoy the extended golf season and work briefly for D. Howard Aircraft before retiring once again. Marty thoroughly enjoyed being able to connect with relatives in Italy, travelling, winning Senior Olympics table tennis games (especially national competitions), winning anything, formal dancing, playing guitar, and even at 98 years, remaining a very highly competitive anagram and Scrabble player who loved to karaoke serenade his many 'fans.'

Marty is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Victoria and Gemma, and Doris, his wife of 40 years. He is survived by his beloved sister, GG (Gloria) of North Carolina; his three children F. Suzanne of IL, Mario Phillip (Maria) of KS, Victor (Louise) of NC; and step-son, William B. McDonald (Janet) of San Antonio; 6 grandchildren, 3 step-granddaughters, 9 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom have their own special memories of this many-talented, multifaceted, charismatic, tempestuous and fun-loving man.

The family deeply appreciates daughter-in-law, Dr. Janet Williams' advocacy for Marty these past 10 years of increasing health challenges, and the caring and attentive personnel at Adante Assisted Living, Morningside Manor facilities and VITAS Hospice. Visitation at Porter Loring Mortuary is planned from 6 - 8 p.m., Monday, November 14th. Fort Sam Houston graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, November 15th. Those wishing to make a tribute to Marty's life, are invited (in lieu of flowers, since strict military limits apply) to sign the memory book at the Porter Loring website and donate to a charity of your choice in his name.

You are invited to sign the Guestbook at www.porterloring.com

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