
Richard Louis Camilli

Richard Louis Camilli passed away at the age of 83. Richard is the son of Dolph and Ruth Camilli and is survived by his wife of 58 years Nadine and their three children: Daniel, Kristina, Ryan and six grandchildren. Richard attended San Juan High School before his college days at the University of Santa Clara on a baseball scholarship. He also played basketball at Santa Clara and went to the NCAA final four. In 1952 he was "The Big Noise for the Mission town team" as their ace pitcher at 6-5 and top hitter at an AVE of .393. He was selected as the marque player to the NCAA Pan-Am team and traveled Japan playing exhibition games. Following in the footsteps of his father, major league baseball MVP Dolph Camilli (Brooklyn Dodgers), Richard was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in '53. He played 6 seasons. With the birth of his first child, he left professional sports to pursue a career in civil service, where he quickly excelled and served as a Cabinet Member for both Governors Reagan and Deukmejian. His Governor appointments included: Executive Officer of the State Personnel Board, Director of the Department of Employment Development, Deputy Secretary for Health and Welfare Agency, Assist. Commissioner at the Department of Corporations, and Member of the Public Employment Relations Board. Devoted to his family, he was a well-known fixture at his children's and grandchildren's events as he regularly traveled distances to their games, performances and competitions. The oldest of 7 siblings, Richard loved family gatherings and large family vacations. Richard wished to be remembered most importantly as a son, brother, husband, father and grandfather "Avo" who "Loved His Family." No Service will be held.

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