

Richard Muratore(1939 - 2015)

Richard Peter Muratore

June 3, 1939 - June 12, 2015

Richard "Rich" Muratore unexpectedly passed away at CPMC Hospital on Friday, June 12, 2015 of pneumonia. He was hospitalized on June 1 and his family expected a full recovery. After a hard battle fought by Rich and the hard battle fought by the caregivers of the hospital to save him, sorry to say it was not to be. Rich was born and raised in the City by the Bay. He was very proud to be a San Franciscan and an Italian through and through. He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Pietro, who came from Italy many years ago and met in the Bay Area, married and had one son Richard, whom they adored. He loved to play baseball and his parents loved to go and watch him play all over the city. Rich

attended Sacred Heart High School on a full sports scholarship, including lunch and bus fare. He became Junior Class President and was elected Student Body President in his Senior year. Rich was a second baseman and All City in baseball four years running. A fete not accomplished by many. He was inducted into the Sacred Heart Hall of Fame. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. [Army](#) and later became part of the Brooklyn Dodger Baseball Organization. In his short baseball career, Rich realized he was too far from home and always said that he was given a "Babe Ruth Release" when they found out that he couldn't catch, hit or run.

He worked in construction most of his life. Starting as a laborer and worked his way to be a full partner of the Peter D. Scatena Construction Company. Upon retirement of his partner, started his own company, Muratore General Contractor and Cabinet Maker Corporation, which he loved and was actively working until the day he entered the hospital. His work ethics and sense of loyalty to others was impressive. He was a member of the Contractors State License Board, the American Building Contractors Assoc., The [Elks Club](#) and the S.F. Baseball Oldtimers Club, Rancho Murieta Golf Club and The Lakers Golf Club. He loved playing golf with his friends and loved it even more when he could take their money. He is survived by the love of his life, wife "Dee" (Dolores), his loving daughter Tammy, granddaughter Nikki, son-in-law Ray San Miguel, step-son Billy and step-daughter Kristi Ann Varni, also Barba Dick Gagliardi his loving uncle, who is 104 years young. Rich never wanted the job of being Patriarch of his family and was thankful that his uncle never wanted to give up the position. He is also survived by many cousins and many, many friends. Rich never knew a stranger.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass and Viewing on Wednesday, June 17th at 10:00 a.m., at Saints Peter and Paul Church, 666 Filbert St. S.F. A reception to follow. Private inurnment will be held at Holy Cross. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a [charity of your choice](#).

**Funeral Home****Green Street Mortuary**

649 Green Street San Francisco, CA 94133

(415) 433-5692

Published in San Francisco Chronicle on June 17, 2015