

Mario D'Ambrosi(1933 - 2017)

Mario "Moe" D'Ambrosi

October 9, 1933 - May 28, 2017

The 83-year-old beloved patriarch of a large, Italian-Irish family peacefully passed through the gates of heaven and into the arms of God on Sunday, May 28, 2017 with his wife of 47 years, Kay, and many loved ones at his side. In 1969, Mario married Kathleen "Kay" Cordero (nee "Carroll") and took on the immense responsibility of helping to raise her five small children, whom he loved as his own.

Mario is survived by his wife, Kay, and their three children: Joe, Phil, and Mari, along with the children from Kay's first marriage: Bill, Terry, Tony, and Jim, and their spouses. He was blessed with 16 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He joins son Dicky Cordero, granddaughter Brit Cordero, his parents and siblings Jenny, Nick, Anna, Yolanda, Anthony, Mary, and Joe in Heaven's eternity. The last of eight children, Mario was born to George and Maria (nee "Frabizzio") D'Ambrosi in Wilmington, Ca. He graduated from Banning High School in 1952 where he earned All-City honors in baseball and basketball. His minor-league baseball career was cut short when he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in post-WWII Germany. Mario spent his career on the waterfront in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and retired after working for more than 50 years for the ILWU Local 63. In the 1960s, Mario started delivering supplies to the California Angels' clubhouse and has been an Angels Baseball season ticket-holder since 1979. Mario was a long-time coach of American Legion baseball and belonged to a number of other organizations including Holy Trinity Catholic Church in San Pedro, Ca, the Knight's of Columbus, the DBs, the Majestic Golf Club, and the San Pedro Elks Lodge. Mario was an avid golfer and when he and Kay weren't traveling the world, he could be found teeing off with his many friends, watching Angels baseball or USC football, and always refining his advanced botany skills in the gardens at his home. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at McNerney's Mortuary. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1292 W. Santa Cruz St, San Pedro, Ca 90732. Recitation of the Rosary is at 10:00 am, followed by Mass at 10:30 am, and a burial service immediately following at Green Hills Memorial Park, 27501 S. Western Ave, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca, 90275. Family and friends will gather to honor Mario at Ports O'Call Restaurant after the services. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider honoring Mario by making a donation to Saints Peter and Paul School, 706 Bay View Ave, Wilmington, Ca, 90744, or Holy Trinity School, 1226 W Santa Cruz St, San Pedro, Ca 90732. Please sign the guestbook at mcnerneymortuary.com or dailybreeze.com.

**Funeral Home****Green Hills Mortuary & Memorial Chapel**

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