



## Fidenzio 'Bruno' Pio Decimo Brunello

April 25, 1935 - May 27, 2017

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Fidenzio “Bruno” Pio Decimo Brunello, age 82, was called home to heaven on Saturday, May 27, 2017 while at his home surrounded by family. He was born and raised in Santa Barbara, California. He attended UCSB where he received his degree in Education. He also played football and baseball for the Gauchos. After graduating, he proudly joined the National Guard. Following his time in the military, Bruno continued his baseball career with the Chicago Cubs.

Upon leaving the Cubs organization, he made his way to Santa Maria, California and started his teaching career. His passion was education. Bruno served the Santa Maria-Bonita School District for 57 years in various capacities as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and finally board member. He continued to give back to his community by being involved in the Church and various other organizations.

Bruno leaves his wife of 62 years, Jacqueline “Jackie” Brunello, his daughter Shelley Ailanjian (Landon), his son Gino Brunello (Lisa), and his grandchildren, Lauren (John) Trzeciak, Fidenzio Ailanjian, Vincent Brunello, Dominic Brunello, Gina Ailanjian, Monique Brunello and great-grandchildren Kadance and Ryleigh Ailanjian and Trey and Jensen Trzeciak.

Visitation will be held at Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary on Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 4pm-6pm with the Rosary to follow.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, June 2, 2017 at 1:30pm at Saint Louis DeMontfort Catholic Church in Santa Maria, California.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to the AHC Foundation for an educational scholarship in memory of Fidenzio “Bruno” Brunello. The mailing address is AHC Foundation, P.O. Box 5170, Santa Maria, Ca 93456.

## Tribute Wall

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### Christina Armstrong

I was sorry to hear about Mr. Brunello's passing when my brother wrote and told me as I have been away from Santa Maria for 19 years but always come back to visit and now live in Prescott, AZ . I had Mrs. Cooper for a homeroom teacher in the 8th grade in 1969/70. Our class had Mr. Brunello for science right after the noon recess. I remember it was a very hot day and Mr. Brunello opened up his classroom door and was standing with a can of air freshner spray. As we were lined up waiting to go into his classroom, he said something like he didn't want sweaty stinky bodies in his classroom and that he was going to spray each of us with air freshner as we entered his class; it was a funny scene as some students ran into the classroom hoping not to get sprayed but Mr. Brunello made sure everyone was sprayed. Mr. Brunello made sure no student was disrespectful to anyone. I remember being in another classroom and looked out the classroom window and saw Mr. Brunello walking down the hallway with a boy holding onto the boy's shirt collar walking him to the office, thinking I am glad I am not that kid. Thank you Mr. Brunello for being my teacher even though I was a quiet one and had no idea of all your accomplishments. My sincere condolences to the Brunello family. - Christina Rojas Armstrong

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J

### Judy Markline

Jackie, please know that sympathy is many hearts sharing one sorrow. May it help you to know that others, too, feel your loss as well as Shelley's and Gino's. Sixty-two years of marriage definitely give you so many, many warm memories of times past. Keep them close to your heart.

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### Veronica Brunello

Carissimi mi unisco al vostro immenso dolore per la perdita di FIDENZIO con un forte abbraccio. Un saluto da me Veronica e fratelli Sebastiano e, AnnaMaria( figli di Ottavio Silvestro Brunello fratello dello zio Giacomo.)e dalla mamma Margherita.

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### Nancy (Bignardi) Davis

My condolences to the Brunello family. I remember him at Fesler Junior High. He was my favorite teacher!

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**M** Mary Frances

My condolences to the family of Fidenzio Brunello. May the God of all comfort give you the comfort and strength needed to endure this difficult time. Please know that God Cares for you. 2 Corinthians 1: 3, 4

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**G** Gary D Mullins

Dear Jackie, We send our condolences to you in your time of sorrow. Fidenzio was our classmate since junior high, (1949) through (1954) high school. We shared so many good times together, his smile, kind eyes, dark brows intense passion for learning stands out in our memory. Knowing that he is walking with Him, at peace, gives us peace. Gary & Arlene Mullins

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**G** Gene & LaVonne

Dear Jackie, We were with you in the Church yesterday as Bruno was honored and consecrated. We are sorry for this major loss in your life. We are praying that you will be filled with God's mighty, glorious strength so that you may have great endurance and peace.....(from Colossians 1:11).

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**R** Ray and nancy(brownell) Smith

We are sorry to here of your families loss of such a good man...you missed another side of him and that was what we knew him by... Coach Brunello...he was there during my two seasons at Hancock in 1970 and 1971...always fair and honest with all of the players... Looking back he was a joy to be around

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**J** Joy Snyder

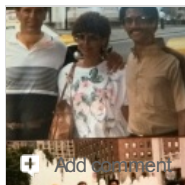
So sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed his sense of humor. He was a very fun person to have a conversation with. You and your family are in my prayer. Joy

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**Jay**

Jacky, you're in my prayers. I'll always remember when you guys came to visit us in Long Island and that journey we made to the NYC Metropolitan Opera House. I found some pics of that visit and I would like to share some of them with you, your family and friends for "Always Remembering" Bruno, you and Family.



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**Claudia Wagemann**

Bruno made an important and positive impact on our district and all the people within it with his leadership by enthusiasm. It is hard to conceive of the number of children and adults he affected with affection and hope. He will be missed.

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**The Brose Family**

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Brunello was a force to be reckoned with. I had the pleasure of having Mr. Brunello in the 8th grade at Fesler Jr. High in 1971. We were the last class to go on what was called "Dream Sac III" and what an experience it was. We worked all school year to raise the money for our 2 classes (Mrs. Cooper's) to go on a week long trip to Sacramento and San Francisco during Easter vacation. I still have pictures of that trip, very exciting! I then recall after we got back we had money left over and Mr. Brunello purchased a huge weight lifting equipment and every study hall all the girls had to go to other classrooms for study hall, didn't think that was very fair but Mr. Brunello was happy and the boys got a lot of use out of the equipment. I think of every teacher I ever had and he had the most profound impact on me, it was a pleasure to be a student of his, will never forget him. Rest in peace Mr. Brunello. Paula

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**Sally Young**

Dear Jackie, this is Sally Welsh, Giacomotti, Young. I divorced Giacomotti in 1981 - good move and I married Al Young in 1986, I believe he played football with Fidenzio at SBJC. Al was a little guy, but fast. I lost him on our anniversary April 5, 2015, which was our 29th anniversary. We had to remove life support as he had a large brain bleed that took away his ability to speak, eat, breathe. I remember that you started the same day as I did at the Auto Club and that you lived with mother & I temporarily until you moved to Santa Maria and married Fidenzio. I send you my condolences for your loss. the adjustment takes a while. I send you my prayers during this difficult time.

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Rita and Anna Vial

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Brunello family Your cousins Rita and Anna Vial and their families, Italy

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Gini Bauer

Dear Jackie...I am so very sorry. I am truly heart broken. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time. Bruno was so dedicated to education. He was always very positive and supportive of students, parents and staff members. He made everyone feel special and important. He made you feel that you could definitely make a difference. For me personally, he had a huge impact on my career. I would not have accomplished all that I did in SMBSD without Bruno. Sorry I cannot be there on Friday. Much love and hugs to you and your family. Gini Bauer

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Gina Filippi Emory

How sad I am to learn of the passing of this great man. As many have said already, and many more will say, he had a huge impact on my life. I was blessed to have him as my 8th grade teacher at Fesler in 1967/68. I remember how the classroom looked as if it were yesterday. He had the banner around the class that said, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." That has stuck with me all these years. I loved math, and he let those of us who excelled at math learn algebra - a novel concept in 1968! Another thing that stands out was his love and respect for his co-teacher, Mrs. Cooper. Boy, you didn't dare disrespect her or you had Mr. Brunello to contend with, as we all discovered one day when some of the boys did just that. I'll never forget that day. Being Italian, too, I felt a special connection to Mr. Brunello. It was fun to talk about my immigrant grandfather with him. I had so much admiration for him that when I was a senior in high school I took a class that allowed me to be his teacher's aide and had the pleasure of learning from him and assisting him by grading papers and helping some of the students who struggled with math. It was an amazing experience. I wanted to be a math teacher when I grew up, in large part because of his influence on me. I was blessed to have found his contact info a few years ago, allowing me to call him and talk with him. I am not sure he remembered the gangly teenager he once taught all those years ago, but I wanted to make sure he knew that I never forgot him or the lessons he taught me. My sister made me a shadow box when I graduated from high school with several mementos from my childhood in it. One of the most cherished ones was a photo of Mr. Brunello from 1968. He was and always will be one of my two most beloved teachers. You will be missed, Mr. Brunello. My condolences to Mrs. Brunello, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a treasure!

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**M** mary caldera

May our Lord grant those who have died the joy of his presence, and us who are living the happiness of knowing this. My Deepest Synpathy,

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**V** Vickie Guggia Galvin

The first thing that comes to mind when I think about Bruno was when my girlfriends and I were at Fesler Jr. High, we all wanted to get him as a teacher because he was so good looking! We still laugh about that. He was a wonderful man. He will be missed by alot of people. Thoughts and prayers are with Jackie and the family. Sincerely, Vickie

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**M** Milton Guggia

My thoughts and prayers are with Jackie and the entire Brunello Family at this difficult time. I am honored to have been a close friend to "Bruno". We go way back to Fesler Junior High when he was a teacher. All four of my children were there at that time. I enjoyed watching him play ball for the Indians. He was a great friend to many, and we had great times with the gang at the donut shop. He was also a wonderful mentor for our children. He will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace my friend, Milt

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**M** Mary Helen Herrera

Our Condolence to the Brunello Family, Our Prayers are with you. Our 3 sons attended Tunnell School while he was Principal and myself worked as Noon Supervisor. He will be missed by all Santa Marians.

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**G** Gary Jolk

I was lucky enough to have Coach Brunello as my coach at Hancock in 69 and 70. He was a great coach, but a better person, He taught us to work hard and it was a pleasure to play for him. His family and the entire Santa Maria Community has lost a wonderful person. Thank you Coach Brunello for being a part of my life. Gary Jolk

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**P** Patty Schwarzkopf

Bruno was an icon in the SMB School District. I had the pleasure of working with him. He always made things interesting with his great sense of humor. My thoughts & prayers are with the family at this time of loss.

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**J****Jennifer Clarke Salberg**

Mr. Brunello was one of my 8th grade teachers at Fesler JR High in 1968. Even then, we as students, knew how passionate he was about teaching us...and if you had Mr. Brunello or Mrs. Cooper you had the BEST. I have often thought about him over the years and the impact he had on my life. What an example for young people he was!

**G****Gina Filippi Emory**

He really was something, wasn't he? We were in that class together, Jennifer. I'll never forget him or Mrs. Cooper. I'm so sad. I did get to speak with him on the phone a few years ago. It was so cool to talk to him. He will be missed.

**Y****yoneo**

ABBA FATHER GOD JESUS HOLY SPIRIT.....comfort the brunello family as only you can.....amen.

**B****Brenda Frazier**

Sorry to hear of his passing. I remember when he was teaching at Robert Bruce School. He was so new at the school and he was well received by the students. Its hard to let go of a loved one, but at the same time, quality of life is important to someone like Bruno. Be blessed.