
Joseph A. Pedrazzini(1935 - 2016)

July 26, 1935 - Feb. 16, 2016

Joe passed away at his home in Napa on Feb. 16 after a three year long courageous battle with Lymphoma. Born on July 26, 1935, Joe was a PROUD native of Vallejo! The son of immigrant parents from Switzerland, Alfred Pedrazzini and Oliva (Cantoni) Joe spent his youth on the baseball fields of Vallejo. His passion for the game would take him from the "Peanut League", to being a standout at Vallejo High School and finally led to being signed by the Boston Red Sox Organization and a 10 year professional baseball career that ended in 1964 with the Seattle Rainiers (AAA). He was inducted in 2015 to the Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame which added to his Solano College and Fresno State College Hall of Fame honors. Joe was a master craftsman of many talents that extended from sports to Carpentry. After 10 years of teaching Industrial Arts at Vanden High School, he followed his passion for woodworking into the trades. Joe was a licensed Contractor and member of the Carpenters Local 180. After retirement, Joe spent many hours as an avid and awarded Bocce Ball player on various courts throughout the Bay Area and a member of the Sons of Italy.

Joe will be sorely missed by his family and leaves behind his loving wife, Gabriella; children, Sharon Parras, Colleen and Deron (Suzanne); step daughters, Lisa Jensen-Melville (Curtis) and Kimberly Saward (Jeff); grandchildren, Ashley, Christin, Andrew, Alexia, Kelsey, Caitlin, Jacob, Laura, Ava, Liesl, Kirsten, and Lars; great grandchildren, Viviana, Layla, Phinaes. Anna, Aaron, Abigail, Amelia, Tysen, and Colby. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Louise Pedrazzini.

The family would like to recognize the care he received from the Kaiser Permanente Oncology Department and Napa Valley Hospice.

A private ceremony and celebration of life will be held at a date to follow. Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Hannah Boys Center, or Napa Valley Hospice. Memories and notes of sympathy may be shared at claffeyandrota.com.

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