Rudy Marcozzi

February 14, 1925
April 5, 2015

His Legacy... Oroville Resident of 66 years Rudy passed away on Easter Sunday, April 5th. He was 90 years old. Rudy was born in Newcastle, Pennsylvania on February 14th, 1925, to James and Mary Marcozzi. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. After attending trade school to become a jeweler, he moved to Oroville, California in 1949, where he started his jewelry repair business. One of the few jewelry manufacturing and repair shops in the Sacramento Valley area at that time, Rudy earned an outstanding reputation as a master diamond setter and goldsmith. By the mid 1960’s, R.F. Marcozzi Manufacturing Jewelers was taking in jewelry work for over 25 different jewelry stores from Redding, California to Carson City, Nevada, before expanding to its current location in 1978. Still in operation today, family owned and operated Marcozzi Jewelers has been serving the local community for over 66 years. Rudy was a parishioner of St. Thomas Catholic Church, a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, past President of the Oroville Fellow’s Club, and a member of the Sons of Italy and Oroville Downtown Business Association. Rudy was a pillar of the community, and truly enjoyed socializing with his many friends. But most of all, like a true Italian, his greatest love was his family. With endless encouragement, he taught his family what it meant to be generous and dedicated, and how to dance with style. He always kept the magic of Christmas in his heart, all the way down to his favorite Christmas socks. He spent many sunny days out on his houseboat, “The ‘Cozzi Corner,” fishing on Lake Oroville. For many years, you could find him on his evening walks along the river. Rudy was an avid sports fan, and loved attending the Sacramento Kings games as a season ticket holder. He was part of a bowling league for years, enjoyed pheasant hunting, and was the luckiest man alive at the casino. Rudy was magnetic, and had a vigor for life that was contagious. Through it all, it was not just what he did, but the lives he touched along the way.

His Family... The true Patriarch of his family, Rudy is Father to 3 children, Rudy Marcozzi (Stephanie) of Oroville, Jo-Marie Marcozzi -Pirie (Gordon) of Sacramento, and Rhonda Ferland (Mike) of Oroville; Papa to 7 grandchildren: Christina Esperson (Mark), Santino Marcozzi (Kristen), Jeff Ball, Alyssa Farley (Jeff), Jennifer Ferland, Kristin Duering, and Andy Ferland; and Old Papa to 6 great-grandchildren: Nicholas, Mia, Ben, Sam, Sienna, and Quinn. Rudy was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Della Marcozzi, his parents James and Mary Marcozzi, and his sister Genevieve Martello. Rudy was larger than life, generous in spirit, and had a heart of gold...he was just That Guy.

His Farewell Service... A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30am Friday, April 10, 2015 for Rudolph Fiorello Marcozzi at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Oroville. The burial will be held at the Oroville Cemetery following the service. Visitation will be at Ramsey Funeral Home on Thursday, April 9th from 4-7pm, followed by a rosary from 7-8pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Catholic Church or School, 1330 Bird St. Oroville, California, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Ramsey Funeral Home.

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