



## Robert E. Zaro

November 15, 1934 - June 2, 2018

Robert "Bob" Zaro, of Napa and Cathedral City, California, passed away on June 2, 2018, from cancer. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Robert Edward Zaro was born on November 15, 1934, to Irene Rossi and Edward Albert Zaro in Napa, California. Bob grew up on Juarez Street in Napa, where several generations of his family were active participants in the community remembered as Napas "Little Italy". In 2012, Bob helped champion a city initiative to change the name of the Oxbow Preserve to "Little Italy Park", in recognition of the neighborhoods long-term residents contributions to Napas community and culture throughout its history. Bob served our country in the United States Army during the Korean War from August 13, 1957 to August 12, 1959. He returned from the service after an honorable discharge and married Carol Argo on June 30, 1968. They were married until her passing on January 5, 2007. They had a son, Kirk Robert Zaro, on December 24, 1969. Bob and Carol purchased land on Redwood Road in 1971, and built a beautiful home together. Many friends and family members were entertained there, as Bobs gift of hospitality and love for entertaining were shared with many people over the decades. During this time, Bob served the Napa community as a teacher and administrator in the Napa Unified School District until he retired. Bob was an active member and former board member of the California Schoolmasters Club, He received their highest honor, the Dr. Virgil S. Hollis Distinguished Service Award in 1992. The Dr. Virgil S. Hollis

Distinguished Service Award is given annually to a person involved in education who demonstrates outstanding distinguished service to the California Schoolmasters Club. Bob also had a lifelong love of antiques and period glassware. For several years he maintained a stall in the old Napa Antique Mall, where he loved sharing his treasures and visiting with the people who came through the shops. Bob was a wealth of knowledge about many diverse subjects, and enjoyed sharing his remembrances and stories with people. Bobs greatest pleasure may have been found in his family, where he was a devoted grandfather to his grandsons, Royce and John. Bob loved hearing about their scholastic achievements, and attending various school functions and extracurricular activities. Most recently, he supported and encouraged Royces membership in the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra, and upcoming European tour, where the symphony will be performing in Budapest, Prague, Vienna and Salzburg. Bob is survived by his companion, Stephen Farmer, his son, Kirk Zaro, and his grandsons, Royce and John Zaro. A public Celebration of Life will be held at Treadway & Wigger Funeral Home on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM, located at 2383 Napa Vallejo Hwy, Napa, CA 94558, with a reception immediately following. A private graveside service will be held at Tulocay Cemetary in Napa.

Funeral Home:

Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel

2383 Napa-Vallejo Highway

Napa, CA

US 94558

# Tribute Wall



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Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel & Crematory - February 05, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ *Robert E. Zaro*

November 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Zaro also touched many childrens lives as a teacher at Yountville Elementary School. I was one of his students and he left a lasting impression on my life with the gifts they he shared will all his students.*

June 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was so passionate about helping the children and was always concerned about the welfare of his staff. He was generous and genuine--one in a million. May he rest in peace.*

June 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob was a dear friend of my mom Marge. Condolences to all of his family and friends.

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June 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Kirk and the entire Zaro family. Mr. Zaro was our principal at Yountville and my 4th grade teacher, I loved him! He was so kind and sweet, he cared so much and had a great sense of humor. I am grateful to have been a student and I so appreciate his soul. I have never forgotten those sweet days and have thought fondly of him over the years. Thank you Mr. Zaro, rest in peace.

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June 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob was my 4th grade teacher and a friend of the family. My Dad and him met in the early 60s in Napa. My Dad was a Principal and teacher in the District for 25 years. I will remember him fondly for his humor and compassion.

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June 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Bob when he worked at the Old Ward's store on 2nd street. We saw each other through the years. Very nice person.

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June 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Zaro family and Christmas tree farm were a tradition for many, for many years. Condolences to Kirk, and grandchildren, and his partner Steve. Remember to call me, Kirk, when you want to hear a few more stories of all the good times. You all are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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June 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *We so enjoyed Bob and Steve's visits to our shop. The old stories, the new ones, and the tasty brandied cherries. We were just commenting, that Bob and Steve may be coming in sometime soon. We looked forward to their visits. We're so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Hugs to all his loved ones. Margaret & Steve Simich*

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June 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob was part of my life in Napa. He was my brother's best friend (Mike Alber) and also great friend of my sister (Molly Alber Rands). My mother (Mary Prouty) loved him like a son. We have such warm memories of his laugh and what a fun and gracious person he always was. He loved a good party. God bless his family and all who loved him. He is getting hugs in Paradise right now. Rest in peace, Bob. We love you! Our sympathy to all who will miss Bob greatly.*

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June 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was a great educator and a wonderful man. I attended Yountville Elementary from 1973-1979. I remember his, sometimes wacky, ties and his gentle encouragement. Mr. Zaro is a large part of my childhood memories. Many prayers and love to his family.*

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June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Love to Kirk and family. They were all good friends to my brother and my family. I appreciated their hospitality, love of life, eating the Depot malfatti's with them and attending Christmas Eve midnight mass with them. God bless and be with everyone's mourning. Grief share/Grief care helped me when my Dad died. love from Jill

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June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ So so sorry to hear of Bob's passing....he was an awesome teacher and principal at yountville elementary and have great memories....his generosity and concern for yountville children and families was amazing....RIP Bob...our family think of you often with very kind memories

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June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We along with many others, have wonderful memories of working with Bob. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends.

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June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts are with Steve and Bob's family. Bob was so proud of his grandsons. Had many nice conversations with Bob about Napa's old days. May he be at rest. Don Yarger and Alfredo Enriquez.

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June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr Zaro was my 6th grade teacher. He showed me much kindness and understanding. I loved him.

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June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob's companion Steve his son Kirk and his wonderful grandsons. Bob was a wonderful teacher and friend to my family and I. I have so many fond memories of Bob as my teacher and friend. He was such a sweet heart and truly cared about others. Rest in peace Mr. Zaro/Bob, may your loved ones find peace in your passing.

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June 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I have lost one of my best friends. We have been pals since the age of 11 - so we've known each other for 71 years. Bob found out about his cancer only 6 weeks ago.. Last time I talked to Bob, about 4 weeks ago, he was well prepared for Eternity, both spiritually and with earthly resolve. He loved Jesus and related decedents who were awaiting him. Especially Carol - his beloved wife. Bob will always be one of the finest gentleman I have ever known and the most honest. Last time we spoke we had a lot of laughs over our past lives. Thank you Steve For being such a great friend. Good-bye Bob, I love you like a brother, Mike

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