



Ralph Esposito

January 20, 1945 - August 4, 2025

The family of Ralph Esposito is saddened to announce his passing on the 4th of August 2025 at 80 years of age. Ralph passed away peacefully at home, as he wanted, with a smile on his face.

He was born on January 20, 1945 in Naples, Italy to Assunta and Michele Esposito. He served in the Italian Navy prior to immigrating here in 1967 and was a proud resident of San Dimas for 25 years and Chino since 2001.

He was a woodworker all his life, but soccer was his passion. He started playing professionally in Italy, was part of the LA Aztecs in the 70's and played with many local teams. Coaching was his niche in this world. He coached high school (San Dimas, Chino, Don Lugo); college/university (Mt. SAC, La Verne, Cerritos); PUMAS of Mexico; several Serie B teams in Italy; and youth organizations (AYSO, CYAA). He was proudest to share his knowledge and increase the love of this game. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #15339 of Chino.

He is survived by his spouse Melinda, his daughters Suzy (Mark), Michelle, and Tricia (Tony); his grandchildren Sabrina, Brandon, Benjamin, Julie and Jesse; siblings Maria, Antonio and Carmela; and many nieces and nephews here and in Italy. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Franco, Teresa, Enzo and Anna.

The funeral services will all be at Forest Lawn Covina Hills. Viewing and Vigil on Wednesday, August 20 from 5 to 9 p.m. The Mass and interment on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Both will be in the Church of Our Heritage.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the American Wheelchair Mission in honor of Ralph Esposito.