



Joseph Porrovecchio

May 25, 1936 - April 8, 2016

Joseph Porrovecchio, Jr

East Wenatchee, WA

Joseph Porrovecchio, Jr, an 18 year resident of East Wenatchee, WA, was escorted to heaven on April 8, 2016 after passing peacefully at home with family by his side and the loving assistance from Hospice staff. Joseph was born on May 25, 1936 in San Jose, CA to the late Giuseppe/Joseph and Rosalie/Rosa Porrovecchio. He was raised in San Jose and enlisted in the Navy

at the age of 17 because most of his brothers enlisted in the Army. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor, HI 1953-1957 at the tail end of the Korean War in SUBCOMPACT and spent his entire enlisted service as the Chief of Staff's driver. He met his first wife while in Hawaii. His work experience included: Division Heating & Sheet Metal; San Jose, CA as a Truck driver delivering furnaces; Pacific Lumber Co; Scotia, CA as a cut-off saw operator; donating part of a finger and injuring his back, Dorset Marina, Santa Clara, CA as General Labor, wood shop and forklift operator; It took five years to recover from his back injury at the lumber mill; Pacific Nursery Pots, Inc./Quality Can Corp, Santa Clara, CA starting as a laborer, he became the production supervisor making metal nursery cans of various sizes and metal test cylinders

for concrete batch testing; Joseph's Can Company, as owner he produced the metal test cylinders and metal "egg" planter cans; Matheson-Semi Gas Systems,

San Jose, CA as an assembler for the Nanochem Dept. injuring his back and forcing a full medical disability. Once officially disabled they moved to East Wenatchee, WA to retire and go fishing at every opportunity while his wife worked. He loved cooking, fishing, camping, golfing, working with wood, gardening, and being involved with the various service groups he was associated with which included: the American Legion of Santa Clara, CA, he was

a NPCC of 40/8 groups and the Moose Lodge, San Jose, CA, Kiwanis, East Wenatchee, WA, the Eagles, Wenatchee, WA; and was known as the "Garlic Bread

Man" for NCW Sons of Italy Lodge, East Wenatchee, WA. When his children were

younger he coached the teams in which they were involved. As they became young

adults, he and his 2nd wife would attend as many of their Baseball games/tournaments they possibly could; actually taking time during one weekend

double tournament in Tahoe, CA-Reno, NV to get married, having the actual reception two weeks later in San Jose, CA. For their 20th wedding anniversary,

he initiated the steps to have their marriage con-validated in the Catholic Church resulting in two anniversary dates, July 1, 1984 and July 3, 2004, so including the 4th of July holiday they celebrating the entire week.

Joseph is survived by his second wife of over 31 years, Kathryn Blinn Porrovecchio, East Wenatchee, WA; brother, Sam (Susan) Porrovecchio; Big Fork,

MT; His five children: Joseph (Tessie) Porrovecchio, Yuma AZ; Evelyn Ross,

Las

Cruces, NM; Victor Porrovecchio, Wenatchee, WA; Anthony Porrovecchio, Marina,

CA; Karol (Robert) Arriola, San Jose, CA. His ten grandchildren: Joseph Porrovecchio, III, Makakilo, HI; Jennifer Ross, Las Cruces, NM; Richard Porrovecchio, San Jose, CA, Nicole Porrovecchio, Entiat, WA; Christopher/C J

(Katie) Ross, Fort Drum, NY, Erik Porrovecchio, Seattle, WA; Trisha Porrovecchio; Briana Arriola; Savannah Porrovecchio; and Vanessa Arriola of San Jose, CA. His four great-grandchildren: Keilani Ross, Las Cruces, NM; Braxton Porrovecchio, Entiat, WA; Natalie Porrovecchio; and Santino Porrovecchio of San Jose, CA; and a 5th, soon to be born, Lucas J Ross, Fort Drum, NY. Plus many, many, nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his

parents: Giuseppe/Joseph and Rosalie/Rose Fabiano Porrovecchio; his first wife, Bella Rosario Porrovecchio of 25 years; and Mother of their five children; siblings: Mamie/Mae (Ernie) Lopez, Jacomo/Jack Porrovecchio; Nicolas/Nick Porrovecchio, Catherine/Kate (Joe) Sgroe, Frank Porrovecchio, Paul Porrovecchio, Victor Porrovecchio and John Porrovecchio.

We are so very grateful to the CWH Hospice team that supported and guided us along this road. Their extraordinary care and wisdom was and still is a bright light during these difficult days.

A Rosary will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at Holy Apostles Catholic Church; 1315 8th Street NE, East Wenatchee, at 7:00 p.m. A Memorial Mass will also be held at the church on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m., with a reception to follow in the gym. Interment will be with military honors at

Washington State Veteran's Cemetery in Medical Lake at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society or charity of choice. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.