



Fred Ruggeri

October 2, 1916 - February 24, 2010

Beba Ruggeri was born on October 22, 1916 to Maria and Emilio Ruggeri, Italian immigrants, on McAllister Street, San Francisco. The family shortly thereafter moved to the Excelsior District, "God's Country", where Beba was to spend the remainder of his life. Beba attended Monroe Elementary School and Balboa High School. He went to the Civilian Conservation Corps camps with many of the neighborhood boys, earning \$25 a month; he was allowed to keep \$5 and the remainder was sent home to his family. During World War II, Beba served in the Merchant Marines and was on the Ruth Alexander, an American ship, bombed and sunk by Japanese torpedo bombers in December of 1941. He was reported missing to his family and despite Red Cross searches, they did not know if he had survived the bombing until April of 1942 when he returned home "up the hill". After the war, he had a series of jobs in the neighborhood, running the pool hall on Ocean and working as a bar tender at Mario's Huddle. He then took a job as a pari-mutuel clerk and worked at the local race tracks. He was a member of the Green Valley Druids and the Italian American Social Club and was a devout gardener and golfer. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Joseph Ruggeri, Dante Ruggeri, Frank Ruggeri and Ada Ruggeri. He is survived by nieces Denise Ruggeri and Mary (Gerard) Schiraldi, great-nephews John Girarde, Michael Schiraldi and Christopher Schiraldi; great niece-in-law, Kari Girarde; great-great nieces Lillian and Victoria Girarde and great-great nephew Augustus Girarde. He leaves behind many devoted neighborhood friends and cherished

Ruggeri cousins. Family and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Liturgy on Thursday March 4, 2010 at 11:00AM at the chapels of Valente Marini Perata & Co., 4840 Mission St. Online condolences may be offered to the family by clicking the "SIGN GUESTBOOK" tab on this page. Services: 11:00AM at Valente Marini Perata & Co. on Thursday, March 4th, 2010 (map/driving directions)