



## Ernest "Ernie" Mario Rizzardo

April 19, 1948 - January 16, 2017

ERNEST MARIO RIZZARDO AKA "BIG ERN" PASSED UNEXPECTEDLY MONDAY January 16, 2017. DEVANEE, HIS WIFE OF 48 YEARS AND DAUGHTER STEPHANIE WERE BY HIS SIDE SON OF MARIO (DECEASED) AND VERA RIZZARDO HUSBAND OF DEVANEE

FATHER OF STEPHANIE AND BETHANIE

FATHER IN LAW TO JERRY UNRUH AND PISTOL BRAY

BROTHER IN LAW TO PAM (SWEET) AND GORDON BAUGH

BROTHER TO LINDA MC KOEN

BROTHER TO FRANK RIZZARDO

NEPHEW TO STELLA DEAS Pfanner SUTTER

NEPHEW TO TERSILLA (Rizzardo) and MIKE PRECIE (Deceased)

NEPHEW TO JOHN AND EDNA RIZZARDO (Deceased)

NEPHEW TO MARINO AND NOLA RIZZARDO

POP/GRAMPA TO KAYLA GRAVES, JAIDEN UNRUH

COLT BRAY & BRITTANY BRAY

RIZZARDO FIRST COUSIN TO CONNIE, JEANIE, MARINA, LOUIE

(Deceased) ERNIE PRECIE, DEBBIE, DEANNA (Deceased), BARBARA, BETTY, NADINE, GLEN, DENA

PFANNER FIRST COUSIN TO JIM, HANS (DECEASED) WILLIAM, LOUISE, ANNE ELISE, HEIDI, BRENDA

UNCLE TO BILLY GALLAGHER AND FAMILY

RYAN GALLAGHER AND FAMILY

CHRISTOPHER MCKOEN AND FAMILY

NATHAN RIZZARDO AND FAMILY

STEPHEN RIZZARDO AND FAMILY

KYLE RIZZARDO AND FAMILY

ERNIE LOVED AND LIVED BEYOND MEASURE

HE TOUCHED MANY LIVES AND HAD COUNTLESS FRIENDS AND  
EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS.

OUR MIGHTY OAK HAS FALLEN

SERVICES ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 2017

ROSARY 1:00PM, MASS 1:30PM. GRAVESIDE AT ST. JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CEMETERY, RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT FAIRGROUNDS,

WINEMA HALL.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
314 Fourth Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

## Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Ernie was definitely a man that was almost larger than life with his generous laughter and quick smile. There are so many memories it's difficult to center on just one to share but perhaps this will do. After my father had a major stroke that took his right side I hired Ernie to do some yard work and to let Dad help. (They'd both worked for Yreka Truck and Equipment for years). He will be missed by us as well as the community. Our sympathy and love to Devonee and all. Stanley and Shari (Fiock) Sandahl*

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**Shari Sandahl** - January 23, 2017 at 02:24 PM

AT

“ *So saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. I always looked forward to seeing Ernie's smile & hearing him talk about his grandchildren. Praying for Devanee and all of Ernie's loved ones during this time. May you all hold on to each other, to the Lord and to your memories of Ernie until you meet with him again one day in Heaven.*

*"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7*

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**Ashley Tannaci** - January 20, 2017 at 04:58 PM

DF

“ I was able to hire Ernie to help trim all the trees at the three elementary schools in Yreka while I was head maintenance supervisor there. I got to know him quite well when I dislocated my shoulder and re cooperating at home. He would come by to pick me up on his way to a job to get me out of the house. I have great memories of this man. He was a happy, easy going guy and a good friend. We will miss his humor and smiling face. Rest in Peace in the arms of our Lord.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Rizzardo family.*

*Until we see you again,  
Denny, Darlene, Jeff and JJ Fleck*

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**Denny and Darlene Fleck** - January 20, 2017 at 01:44 PM

 Jeri  
Miranda

“ So sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. He had a huge, infectious smile that I will always remember.

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**Jeri Miranda** - January 20, 2017 at 10:32 AM

BS

“ We were Grenada Elementary kids who met the 1st day of 1st grade. He never changed. A wonderful nature - a great smile - a delightful laugh. He was the only one of us boys who could sing and that was his role in school programs, Christmas plays, etc. In Little League he was a GG Wildcat and I was a GG Eagle. He was big (of course) and pitched sidearm. I could hit everyone else but not Ernie. Hard to hit when your front foot is headed up Scarface. Literally frustrated me to the point of tears. He always remembered that. I didn't get to spend the years and know him well like so many of you. Our paths diverged in high school and other than a smiling, warm greeting when we would run into each other that was it. But you know - no one ever had a bad word to say about Ernie. How many people do we know that we can say that about? He was a great kid. He was a good, decent, hard working man and Yreka and the surrounding communities were blessed to have counted him as theirs. My heart goes out to Devanee and your family. I cannot know your loss but I share in your grief. The memories of Ernie are sweet and they always will be,

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**Bob Silver** - January 20, 2017 at 12:36 AM

TH

“ I'm am very sadden to learn that Ernie has passed. I worked at the liquor barn for almost 4 years and Ern's came in regularly to buy his chew. He was sweet, loving and caring man who always put a smile on your face no matter how bad your day had been. I looked forward to talking to him and seeing his wonderful smile. The world has truly lost a cherished and irreplaceable soul. My prayers and heart are with his family. Rest in peace ernie.

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**Tiffany helmholtz** - January 19, 2017 at 11:47 PM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family he was the best. Sorry I couldn't make it to show my respects. You will be in my heart and thoughts*

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**Jean Shaffer** - January 19, 2017 at 10:50 PM

VB

“ *With much sadness and shock we write this before we were ready to have us leave us! Ernie always had a smile! He was a delightful friend! A big guy with a big heart! He will be missed by all. We do have many fond memories and laughs to put a smile on our faces because of you Ernie! Vonita and Bruce Bishop*

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**Vonita Bishop** - January 19, 2017 at 09:24 PM

RF

“ *Rest in peace my friend...you will be missed by everyone who knew you..ron and Nichole Fisher.*

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**ron and nichole fisher** - January 19, 2017 at 08:53 PM

SJ

“ *I worked with Ernie at Yreka Truck & Equipment for many years which some of those years he was my boss and a wonderful boss he was. He was always there for all the employees. When I decided to make my move after my husband, Bill passed away Ernie purchased my home in Montague. He will surely be missed by everyone and my deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Devanee and all of his family Ernie was always there for me when I needed a shoulder to lean on.*

*Sandy Jones*

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**Sandy Jones** - January 19, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Mario Rizzardo.*



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January 19, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *A great friend who always wore a smile and had kind words for all, we will miss him.  
Rest in peace Ernie. Our condolences to Devanee and all the family.*

*Ed Medlin and Beverly Banda*

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**Ed Medlin** - January 19, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ *All my thoughts and prayers go out to your family and friends. The old days at Yreka Truck were special because we got to work with "Honest Ernest" many fond memories. You will always be remembered. Garnet Hilton and family*

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**Garnet Hilton** - January 19, 2017 at 01:30 PM

MB

“ Ernie was like a son to me and all his family was beyond "Special". I worked with him over 20 years and he was always so good to me. My heart is broken. My thoughts and prayers to all the family - I love you all. Such a wonderful man, so kind and giving and fun. You will never be forgotten Ern  
Margean Briggs



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**Margean Briggs** - January 19, 2017 at 12:13 PM

CA

“ Whenever I saw him, he always had a smile. Nice guy. He will be missed. Prayers to the family.

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**Carla Alcorn** - January 19, 2017 at 09:47 AM

LM

“ Ernie was such a kind hearted man and always has a welcoming hug..smile or a pat on the back. The impact he has made to so many is amazing and I don't think anyone could be any prouder than he was of his "three girls" as he used to say. Our thoughts and prayers to family.. Mark and Lesley...

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**lesley morgan** - January 18, 2017 at 11:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Mario Rizzardo.



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January 18, 2017 at 10:07 PM

CN

“ The world just lost a great "hugger".....I wish there was something I could say that would help. He was such a sweet man, I am sure you have a bizzillian great memories to comfort you and your family. Who knows, maybe Darlene "marched" with him yesterday, like she did at graduation...hugs and prayers. Larry and Char



Charlene Noyer - January 18, 2017 at 08:47 PM

LD

“ Larry an I just heard today about Ernie's passing and were shocked at the news. We are so sorry for your loss and pray for God to help your family thru this very difficult time.

Larry & Leanna Dancer - January 18, 2017 at 07:38 PM

KH

“ So very sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. He will be remembered by many!

Karen Hogan - January 18, 2017 at 03:38 PM

LH

“ Such a good man, from such a good family. I have known the Rizzardo family for most of my life and love them all! Ernie was such an incredible role model for not only his own family members, but everyone he met. Always smiling, always willing to help.....a gentle giant that will be missed by so many! Our thoughts and sincere condolences go out to the entire family during this difficult time.

Les and Laurie Helsley and family

Laura Helsley - January 18, 2017 at 03:27 PM

SY

“ Even though I was a LOT older than you Ernie,,,, every time I saw you, you always made me feel like one of your own kids++ always huggable & interested in our life happenings @ And Ernie, Ron has left the light on for us so we will find our way <> Happy Trails my friend >< Love from Sharon Young here

Sharon Young - January 18, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ Ernie was a wonderful friend. Prayers and love to all the family. My deepest sympathy to all.



Marsha Farley - January 18, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" Mario Rizzardo.



January 18, 2017 at 10:50 AM

SM

“ I am so very sad to hear of Ernie's passing. My heart goes out to all of you. Ernie and I, it seemed, were always trying to lose weight at the same time. Going back to the Fitness Center 20 years. He always greeted me with a big smile and said, "Hi Punkin". I will miss him so much. Such a great guy. I'm sure he knew no stranger and made everybody feel his friendship Our love to all you.

Shellee Mittan - January 18, 2017 at 09:02 AM

SK

“ Ernie was such a great man. He met everyone as a friend. He was so especially happy when he was able to just hang out with his little cowboy grandson. Deepest condolences to all who knew and loved him.

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**Stanley Krute** - January 18, 2017 at 07:24 AM



“ I will always think of Ernie as a soul that was so full of life, love and merriment. He was one of a kind. A good man who I feel privileged to have known.

*Amie Goar*

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**Amie Goar** - January 18, 2017 at 12:47 AM

AD

“ The year after Clancy died, Ernie was always coming up to help me with irrigation problems. I wouldn't have made it without him.

*Ann Dutra*

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**Ann Dutra** - January 17, 2017 at 08:39 PM