



## Carl Sciambra

March 20, 1934 - December 12, 2017

Carl Sciambra, 83, passed away on December 12, 2017, the Feastday of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Napa, California. He was born on February 20, 1934 to Anthony and Placida Sciambra in Contessa Entellina, a small town outside of Palermo, Sicily. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Giuseppe Sciambra of Contessa Entellina, and sisters Nicolena Maggio of New York City, and Antonia Grimmer of Napa. Carl is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Barbara, their children, Patricia Spears, Michael Sciambra, Antonia Williams, and Joseph Sciambra, his grandchildren, Jacob Spears, Bailey Tercero, Michelle Sciambra, Patricia Williams, Michael Sciambra Jr., and Chad Williams Jr., sons-in-law Greg and Chad, daughter-in-law Pamela, and numerous nephews and nieces including his godson Steven Grimmer.

Carl grew-up in an agricultural area of Sicily where his family owned vineyards and a farm. In his hometown, he served as an altar boy and first developed his great devotion to the Blessed Mother of God, in particular to the local miraculous statue of the Madonna Della Favara. His uncle and godfather, Matteo Sciambra, was a well-known Byzantine rite priest and historian. In 1952, Carl followed his sister Antonia and emigrated to the United States, settling in the San Francisco Bay Area where his mother's relatives resided. He worked in a number of local bakeries in Vallejo, Redwood City, and in Sacramento where he married his wife Barbara Woodard in 1958.

In 1974, Carl bought the former Passini Bakery and it remained at its original Vallejo location until 1981 when he moved to Napa. Carl operated and expanded the business for many years, with the help of his wife and family, before retiring in 2001. Until his passing, Carl remained very busy developing and maintaining vineyard properties in Pope Valley and on Atlas Peak. Carl was also a self-taught winemaker, bottling his own private label.

Carl maintained a lifelong devotion to the Catholic Church, the Rosary, and to Saint Joseph. For a number of years, he hosted an annual Saint Joseph Day Dinner benefitting the needy of the area and he organized a weekly Rosary prayer group at his home. Later in life, despite ill health, Carl persisted in a faithful routine of daily prayer. He greatly

enjoyed the company of family and friends, especially over a meal and a glass of wine, and he treasured time spent with his grandchildren.

A Rosary will be recited for the repose of his soul on Monday, December 18th, at 7:00pm at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Napa, and a Funeral Mass will be offered on Tuesday, December 19th, at 10:00am also at Saint John the Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, P.O. Box 1297, Santa Rosa, CA, 95402, or Kolbe Academy and Trinity Prep School, 2055 Redwood Road, Napa, CA, 94558.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

DEC 18. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
981 Napa St.  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 226-9379  
<http://www.stjb1858.com/>

## Mass

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
981 Napa St.  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 226-9379  
<http://www.stjb1858.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Sciambra*

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September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Carl Sciambra*

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September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dearest Barbara,*

*We are very sad to hear of Carl's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*We have wonderful memories of Carl and we sure will miss him. We are blessed that we had the opportunity to spend some time and get to know Carl. We remember his wisdom, patience, gentle demeanor, and stories of his past that is inspiring.*

*Please know we are thinking of you.*

*With love and prayers,*

*Maxinn and Lucas Lies*

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**Maxinn and Lucas Lies** - December 27, 2017 at 03:41 AM

“ **WHAT ARE FATHERS MADE OF**

*By Paul Harvey*

*A Father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.*

*A Father is a thing that growls when it feels good .... And laughs loud when scared half to death.*

*A Father never feels worthy of the worship in a child's eye.*

*He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks .... Never quite the man his son believes him to be ... and this worries him, sometimes.*

*So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.*

*A Father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds his son... though he knows it's the teacher's fault.*

*Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough.... So they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's.*

*Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who'll live the longest. One day they lose ... and the bet's paid off to the part of them they leave behind.*

*I don't know .... Where a Father goes... when he dies, But I've an idea that after a good rest... wherever it is .... He just won't sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore ... He'll be busy there, too repairing the stairs ... oiling the gates ... improving the streets ... smoothing the way.*

*Sending Hugs and healing prays*

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**Kathy and John Gerlach** - December 18, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl Sciambra.*




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December 18, 2017 at 02:34 PM

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“ Carl delivered the best bread to Alfredo's Pizza on Trancas back in the 70's. I worked there and we knew Carl to be a joyful man. He shared laughs and was very generous to the waitstaff. He seemed to be a big family kinda guy. RIP Carl. Every time we break Sciambra bread we celebrate you.

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**Jo Susa** - December 17, 2017 at 10:15 PM

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“ Teri Loving lit a candle in memory of Carl Sciambra



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**Teri Loving** - December 16, 2017 at 04:55 PM