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Ray L. Nasuti, known to many of his friends as “Nuz”, passed away on February 20, 2016.

Ray was born in Napa on March 9, 1920. He attended grammar school for a short time in San Francisco, followed by Lincoln Elementary and Napa Intermediate Schools. He graduated from Napa High School in 1937. At Napa High School he was a Senior Class President, as well as Captain of both the Varsity basketball team and baseball team.

Following graduation from Napa High School, he was employed by Theater Capital Corp. as Assistant Doorman at the Uptown Theater, and at Fox Theater he was Head usher as well as a Doorman. At Rough Rider Mfg. he was a shipping Clerk and at Basalt Rock Shipyard Division he was a Marine Electrician Lead Man. He then enlisted in the US Army. After completing basic training at the Presidio in Monterey, he became a graduate from Scott Field, Illinois Army Airway Communication Services, serving in Special Services on the islands of Saipan and Iwo Jima. His duty was to organize team sports of all types, competing for the Olympics of the Pacific. On Iwo Jima he had a weekly Radio Sportscast. After discharge from the Army Ray was employed by Ray Cavagnaro, Inc. and then for the Theo Hamm Brewing Co. in San Francisco as a sales manager for the next 20 years. In 1959 Ray started Ray’s Wholesale Foods, Inc. which he owned and operated with his wife June and son Ron until retirement in 1985.

Ray was a former member of the Native Sons of the Golden West #62, Napa Chamber of Commerce, Napa Valley Country Club, and the Silverado Country Club, which during the Professional Golf Tournaments he was in charge of concessions. He was also a former member of the ICF Lodge, Napa lions Cub, Napa Chapter of the Navy League, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, S.I.R.S., and Boy Scout Troop #10. He was a life member of the Elks Lodge #832 for over 60 years and the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation. He was a charter member of Justin High School Association and Copia, and was a member of the Napa Sheriffs Youth Activities League, American Legion Post #113 for over 60 years, Friends of the Baseball Hall of Fame and St. Apollinaris Catholic Church. Ray also served on the Board of Trustees for Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. Ray received the Queen of the Valley “Kenchelian” award for dignity,

leadership and service. Ray also served one term of the County of Napa Grand Jury. His hobbies in retirement included fishing, gardening and playing dominoes, twice participating in the California Championship held at the San Francisco Commercial Club. His ambition in life was to become a Major league Baseball umpire. His umpiring consisted of Inter Island Games in the Pacific islands, and upon returning home he was appointed Chief of Umpires for the Napa Softball League, The Girls Softball League, The Napa Peanut league and the Semi-Pro Games played at The Napa State hospital. He enjoyed being involved in sports people, especially with Major League Baseball scouts. Ray wishes to extend his heartfelt gratitude for the extraordinary care given to him by the doctors and staff of the Queen of the Valley Medical Center and Emergency Room. Also, from the staff of Family Drug and Ann Aslan as well as to Piner's Ambulance Service and the City of Napa Fire Department and Napa Valley Hospice.

He is survived by his son Ron of Napa, his brother in law John and his wife Jan of Reno, and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife June, daughter Sharilyn, mother Lena and father Henry.

A Rosary will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home on February 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm. A funeral mass will be held at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church on February 27, 2016 at 10:00 am. Burial will be private at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa. Memorial contributions are requested to Queen of the Valley medical Center Foundation or Justin Siena High School Foundation.

Tribute Wall



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