



Louis Samaro Sr.

April 6, 1922 - January 9, 2014

Louis was a devoted husband of 67 years to Elvira Samaro. He was a WWII Army Veteran, Rank PFC with service from 12/42 to 8/46 including Battle of the Bulge, Battle of the Rhine and Battle of Normandy (D-Day). Louis was employed 35 years Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1978. He was a devoted member of the Catholic Church, the Guadalupanos and Society of St. Vincent De Paul. Louis was a Union Translator for the Caesar Chavez organization and activist attending City Council meetings in every city he resided. He had a great love of baseball and was a lifelong S.F. Giant's Fan.

Over the years he resided in San Jose (1946-1988), Firebaugh (1988-1997), Livermore (1997-2013) and Fremont (2013).

He is survived by his wife: Elvira, 5 children: Lupe Miller, Louis Samaro, Jr., Rose Perkins, Virginia Showell and Mike Samaro, 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 16, from 5-8pm with a Vigil at 6:30pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 17, 10am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Inurnment at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park in Fremont, CA.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

48800 Warm Springs Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94539

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (PT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
37588 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94536

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“ Born Luz Samaro in Maxwell, TX, on April 6, 1922, he was the eldest son of 8 brothers and 1 sister. He joined the Army at age 20 where his name was changed to Louis Samaro. He served 4 years from 1942-1946. He was stationed at Fort Sam, Houston, TX, and trained in Field Artillery as a Cannoneer Specialist. He could detect enemy vehicles and planes by the sound of their engine. As Private First Class during his service tours, Louis fought under General Patton at the Battle of Normandy, Battle of the Bulge and the Battle on the Rhine which earned him his EAME Campaign Metal and 5 Bronze stars.

After the war, at age 24, he and Elvira Rodriguez relocated to San Jose, CA, married and started a new life with family. They celebrated 67 years together until his passing. He played for the minor league baseball team, the Seals, in the Bay Area when the Giants moved to San Francisco. He briefly worked as a longshoreman at a packing house followed by the Ford Motor Company for 35 years, retiring in 1978.

He was a devoted parishioner of the Catholic Church, a member of the Guadalapanos as well as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. As an Activist, he worked as a translator for the Union to assist Caesar Chavez's organization in the 1970s. Louis and Elvira were once targeted by the FBI as alleged communists due to their organization's work, keeping undocumented Mexican citizens out of jail. He was also a tireless city activist regularly attending city council meetings.

Louis enjoyed war movies, the History Channel and the daily newspaper. He was a devoted fan of the San Francisco Giants. Louis loved to sing, play the guitar and tell funny stories.



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