

In Loving Memory

Viewing / Rosary

6:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Monday ~ June 16, 2025

Sneider & Sullivan & O'Connell's Funeral Home

977 South El Camino Real

San Mateo, California

Funeral Mass

10:45 a.m.

Tuesday ~ June 17, 2025

St. Gregory Catholic Church

28th & Hacienda Street

San Mateo, California

Interment

1:00 p.m.

Tuesday ~ June 17, 2025

Italian Cemetery

540 F Street

Colma, California

Reception to Follow

Peninsula Italian American Social Club

100 North B Street

San Mateo, California



Emiliano "Emil" Bagneschi

June 20, 1941 ~ June 4, 2025

Emiliano "Emil" Bagneschi was born in the small town of Castelvechio di Compito in Tuscany, Italy, on June 20, 1941. He loved his parents, Nello and Gina Bagneschi, older brother, Giovanni, and younger sister, Lubiana, very much. As a child, he quickly learned the value of hard work by watching his father tend to the fields, plant crops, and raise animals that sustained them. While the family did not have material wealth, they were rich in love for each other and their community. His parents' hard work ethic and devotion to family shaped Emil's values for the rest of his life.

In the early 1950s, Nello Bagneschi made the brave decision to come to America in search of better opportunities for his family. In 1952, when Emil was 11 years old, he boarded a ship bound for America with his siblings and mother, and reunited with his beloved father and other relatives in San Mateo County. Emil attended school in Burlingame and San Mateo, made friends, worked hard, and discovered his love of playing baseball. At Burlingame High School, where he was described as "quiet, friendly, and well-liked by everyone," he was a member of the varsity baseball team, where he won many awards and was often featured in the local newspaper. He was selected "All-League" in his senior year and played on the "All Star Team" with other notable players. Friends thought he might go all the way to the Majors. He was so happy when his future grandson, Gregory, followed in his footsteps as a high school baseball star.

Emil's strong work ethic showed at a young age in America, when he started cutting lawns for people in grammar school. Impressed with his neat work, word of mouth soon spread, and he accumulated several customers through freshman year in high school. Soon after, he began working for Marcucci Heating and Sheet Metal in San Mateo for the rest of high school and the first two years at the College of San Mateo. Unfortunately, he had to stop playing baseball at the collegiate level to work and help provide for the family. He transferred to San Francisco State University, worked part-time for the Post Office as a substitute mail carrier, and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Following graduation, Emil was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1964. He served on active duty for six months then in the reserves for five-and-a-half years.

One evening in 1962, at a dance at the Sunnyview Family Club in Mountain View, Emil met the love of his life, Iris Iacomini from the town of Taliacozzo, Italy. The two were married in 1965 and were blessed with three daughters, Ivana, Linda, and Carla. His family was his pride and joy. Drawing upon the loving example set by his parents, Emil devoted his life to the well-being of his family. He was a wonderful father, and together with Iris, they worked hard to create a stable, loving foundation from which their children could grow and flourish. He later was an active and adoring Nonno to his six grandchildren, Gregory, Alyssa, Christina, Sofia, Amber, and Giacomo. He was so proud of his family.

With the support of his dedicated wife, Emil attended night classes and in 1978, received his MBA from Notre Dame De Namur University in Belmont. He enjoyed a prolific 34-year career as a Contract Administrator and Supervisor for the Defense Department of the federal government. In his retirement years, Emil followed his passion for real estate, and became a realtor for Coldwell Banker and Martinelli Properties.

While embracing his life in America, Emil always cherished his Italian culture. He was an active member of the Peninsula Italian American Social Club, where he served as Secretary for seven years, and President for nine years. Great dancers, he and Iris enjoyed decades of joyful dinner dances at the Italian Club, delicious food, classic Italian music, and many friendships. He loved gatherings and holidays with extended family and friends, often displaying his good sense of humor by sharing funny jokes. Pastimes also included playing bocce at Beresford Park in San Mateo with the local Italian-American community, and watching the Warriors and Giants games on TV. Above all, he was happiest surrounded by family.

Emil enjoyed a rich, full life and fulfilled the American dream. He passed away peacefully on June 4th 2025, after a brave journey with a long illness, surrounded by his loving family. He leaves a legacy of hard work, devotion to family, and commitment to his Italian heritage. He will be remembered for his kind heart and calm demeanor. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his beautiful and devoted wife of 59 years, Iris, and his loving daughters Ivana and her husband Jim, Linda, Carla and her husband Tomaso, as well as his adoring grandchildren Gregory and his wife Sarah, Alyssa, Christina and her husband Ryan, Sofia, Amber, and Giacomo, and a great-grandson on the way. He is also survived by his dear sister Lubiana and her husband Renato, sister-in-law Julie, and a large extended family. He is predeceased by his loving older brother Giovanni, and dear nephew Roberto.

Rest in peace, Emil. You'll be forever in our hearts. We love you and thank you for everything.



The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all the attentive caregivers who helped care for Emil over the years with love, kindness, and dignity.