

Albert Arthur "Al" Gerardi (1941-2010)

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Albert "Al" Arthur Gerardi went to be with our Lord on Aug. 27, 2010 after a lengthy illness. Al was born to the late Arthur and Helen Gerardi on Sept. 15, 1941 in Los Angeles, Calif. He began grade school in Gardena, Calif., and went two years of high school at Junipero Serra Catholic School in Gardena. The family moved to Barstow in 1958 and opened Arduino's Pizza House. In his senior year, Al played baseball for Barstow High and graduated from Barstow High School in 1959.

He had several interesting careers in his life. He worked for Las Vegas Fire Department, had his own janitorial business in Las Vegas, worked for Nevada Highway Patrol in Ely, Nev., and finished his career with Santa Fe Railroad as an engineer. He loved to go camping with his family when they were young and also enjoyed camping later in life. He was an avid fisherman and big game hunter with many trophies.

Al is survived by his wife, Julia, of Needles; step-daughter, Janna Limon and partner, Stephanie; step-son, Ray Limon and wife, Nicole of Needles. Al is also survived by his mom, Maxine Gerardi of Barstow; his brother, Jim Gerardi and wife, Betty of Raleigh, North Carolina; a son, Mark Gerardi and wife, Dena of Helendale; daughters, Cynthia McCullough and husband, Lonnie of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Michelle Jensen and husband, David of Barstow.

He has fourteen grandchildren, Erik Chavez of Victorville, Shannon Barkoci of Victorville, Stephanie Abrams of Palmer, Alaska, Caleb McCullough of Mt. Home, Idaho, Zak Gerardi who is stationed at LeMoore Naval Air Station, Haeleigh, Kuylea, and Jett Jensen of Barstow, six grandchildren of Needles, Pillar, Valentina, Demi, Tay, Dominique and Trazen; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur; his mother, Helen; and brother, Michael.

There was a private Celebration of Al's life, held in Barstow, that many friends and family attended. He is truly missed.

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