

Primo Bertolini

July 23, 2020



Primo Bertolini at the age of 96, passed away in Brookings, Oregon, at the Sea View Senior Living Center on July 4, 2020. He was the husband of Dorothy May Bertolini. Together they celebrated 72 years of marriage.

Primo was born in Buglio in Monte in northern Italy on March 8, 1924. He immigrated through Ellis Island with his mother Caterina Bertolini and his brother Victor. They settled in Cloverdale, California, where Caterina had her third son, Louie. They then moved to Blue Lake, California, where Primo graduated from Arcata High School in 1942.

At the age of 22, he moved to Smith River, California, where he invested in farming and dairy cows. They he met his wife Dorothy May Lehman at the Smith River Grange and they were married on June 27, 1948. He was involved in the logging industry for many years. Primo's work was always very important to him. He was a shareholder at Standard Veneer Plywood Company and he also managed a dairy ranch in Fort Dick. In addition to working, Primo also enjoyed bowling and playing basketball. He was always very competitive.

In his retirement years Primo became a member of the Good Sam Club. Primo and Dorothy May enjoyed traveling with their group and they had many adventures on their outings. Primo also became an avid fisherman, especially trolling for trout with a long line. He enjoyed cooking for the many family gatherings that were held.

His garden was a source of abundant produce and much joy. He perfected a strain of Italian beans that he called Crivelli beans, a strain the he is famous for in the metropolis of Gasquet.

Primo is survived by his wife Dorothy May Bertolini of 72 years. Also, sons and spouses and Rick and Karen Bertolini, Lorimer and April Bertolini, Tim and Paula Bertolini and Brian Bertolini. And grandchildren Jon, Kris, Karla, Brandon, Ross and Justin. He also had five great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. Family was extremely important to Primo and he loved when his family gathered together.

Family graveside services were held in Crescent City on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wier's Mortuary Chapel.

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