



Michael J Apruzzese

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Michael J. Apruzzese passed away peacefully in his own home with his children by his side. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Mike was a WW2 veteran who made a career for himself in Los Angeles as a professional musician and singer. Both on the road and in the studio, he played guitar and sang for, and with, greats like Frank Sinatra, Liberace, Bob Hope, Eleanor Roosevelt, Gene Autry, Will Smith and Nat King Cole. In later years, he was part of the house band at L'Escoffier, in the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Mike was also an amateur golf champion, and after retirement, worked at Los Angeles Parks and Recreation, Woodley Golf Course and Mountain Gate Country Club. His favorite golf course was Pebble Beach, which he frequented over the decades.

Mike is survived by his children, Cheryl (Ed) Thompson, Joe Apruzzese and Michaela Karen Apruzzese, and his grandchildren, Lauren Thompson, Evan Thompson, Kristen Apruzzese, Gina Apruzzese and Michael J. Apruzzese.

Friends and family will remember Mike as an easy-going guy, always ready with a good story and a Sinatra song.

A private burial service will be held at a future date.

Comments



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mike in Sept., 1988 when I had a solo piano Engagement in the Beverly Hilton Hotel lobby and was hired by Merv Griffin Enterprises to perform five Nights weekly. Mike introduced Himself to me during his intermission From performing with the classy Trio in the “Escoffier” restaurant in The Hilton’s upper floor. He was Always very friendly and encouraging. He used to mention that he thought He was entering a phase in life to Spend more time at golf but was Finding it difficult to find qualified Substitutes to work for him in the Trio!! Let me offer my sincere Condolences. I knew of his Passing from the notifications in My International Musician journal. (Rodney Burge, pianist, Oakland Ca., Aug. 10, 2021.)

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