



# **WILLIAM E. COZZO**

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**W**illiam 'Bill' Cozzo always lived with one goal in mind: to be remembered as making sure there was always a laugh and a smile where ever he was. Bill Cozzo could boast that he worked with Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Frances Langford as well as headlining with Adolf Menjou across the U.S. But he took even greater pride as a man who made San Bernardino home. Bill proudly served his country in World War II, which is where he met the love of his life, Joyce, when performing with Bob Hope during the newly formed Special Services division when it was formed to keep up morale and entertain the troops. Bill and his lovely bride came to the west coast and moved to San Bernardino to be close to Joyce's aunt who was working as a teacher in the quiet little town. Bill and Joyce never left and made this community their home for over 60 years. Bill first started working at local Harold's, off Route 66 in Fontana, where he later moved to Industrial Asphalt where he served as Vice President. He later worked with CM Engineering and most recently was apart of the family of banks where he grew from Bank of San Bernardino. So many knew Bill, not from work, but his tireless smile and desire to help. He could be found at local chamber functions, community events and his tireless work as Emcee for events from roasts, to fundraisers across the Inland Empire. Bill served on the Board of Directors for such organizations as the St. Bernardine Medical Center Foundation, American Red Cross, Footprinters and National Orange Show as well as its NOS Foundation. His commitment to business partners and the community was also recognized when he was named California Governor's Older Worker Award. Bill always lived with one goal in mind: to be remembered as making sure there was always a laugh and a smile where ever he was. Bill is survived by his son Christopher and grandson's Gregory and Daniel. A memorial Mass will be held Monday, October 15, 2007 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 2525 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.



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A celebration of his life will follow at Arrowhead Country Club, 3433 N. Parkside Dr., San Bernardino.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Chris and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing after the services had already taken place. I had the pleasure of working closely with Bill while I was working with Cynthia Schneider at Business Bank of California. I given the privilege of being his chauffer once in awhile and never tired of his endless stories and songs. I don't know of anyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting him, will ever think of Bill and not have a smile on their face even though he is gone. He touched many hearts in his time including mine. May you be comforted by knowing how special he was to so many people. God Bless, Cheryl Koch###imported-begin##Cheryl Koch###imported-end##

October 17 at 5:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Chris and family,It pains me that I heard of Bill's passing to late to be present to attend the celebration of his life. Bill and I spent many hours together as he taught me his secret weapon for success in any community "to be successful your name has to be synonomous with your company and with the community." Bill, you helped set me on a path. I'm trying to live your lesson and I will never forget the teacher.My dear friend Angelo (Bill), I hold the wonderful memories of our conversations deep in my heart. Even if the book you always talked about was never actually written, your stories will live on in the minds of so many of us who knew and loved you.I didn't get there to do the "Urology" you always insisted I would have to do when the time came, but if you're looking down you'll know it was only because I didn't know until it was way to late. I'll keep your memory alive one person at a time, each time I share one of your stories and remember the light in your eyes as you told them.Love you,Agnes (Cynthia)###imported-begin##Cynthia Schneider###imported-end##

October 17 at 5:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Chris and Family, I knew Bill through Business Bank of California also. He brought great joy to my heart each time I saw him. He will be remembered always. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Teresa ###imported-begin##Teresa DeAtley###imported-end##

October 16 at 5:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Chris and Family,I am so sorry for your loss of a great father and grandfather.I knew Bill from my 20 years with Business Bank. His tireless energy was unbelievable to all. He inspired so many and his determination was incredible. I will always remember his jokes, his life stories and his compassion for all around him. ##imported-begin##Ruth Adell##imported-end##

October 16 at 5:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Chris and Family,I too knew your dad/grandfather through my affiliation with Business Bank of California. Bill was a maker of smiles, a jokster and an all around good guy. Everyone enjoyed his company and many fun stories as I'm sure you know. It was a pleasure to have known him. Please accept my condolences and best wishes.##imported-begin##Jim Andrews##imported-end##

October 16 at 5:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the pleasure of know Bill Cozzo during my 9 years at Business Bank. He brought smiles and laughter to not only myself my everyone who came into his path. It was priviledge and pleasure knowing Bill.My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Stacy Hill##imported-end##

October 16 at 5:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Chris and family,I had the pleasure of knowing your Dad/Granddad for 17 years while employed with Bus. Bank. His stories delighted those around him and knowing him has enriched my life and the life of others. He will always be remembered fondly. My condolences to you and your families, Mary McNabb##imported-begin##Mary McNabb##imported-end##

October 16 at 5:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Chris and family: I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful and caring man. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Lois Kipp##imported-begin##LOIS KIPP##imported-end##

October 14 at 5:00 PM



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