

Eulogy to JOSEPH J. CAMILLO
Read by Dick Yale at the February 19, 1975 meeting of
Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company

Solomon said long ago that "the day of a man's death is greater than the day of his birth."

If this is true, on January 13, 1975, Joe Camillo spent his greatest day!

He had not only lived a full life, but he left many fond memories for a legion of friends.

The passing of Joseph J. Camillo occasioned not only sorrow at his loss and sympathy for his family and associates, but it draws attention to all the greatest values of life which he demonstrated and so eloquently communicated.

Joe Camillo was born in 1895, in San Pedro where he became a pioneer in the California fishing industry. He knew the crucible of hard work, he developed ingenuity and discipline, and from that mixture came the amazing energetic spirit that moved him to success in the business world.

He worked for Gilbert C. Van Camp when the food industrialist started his cannery in San Pedro. Later Joe worked in San Diego for the Van Camp branch.

In 1933, he began his own business in San Diego, the J. J. Camillo Seafood Brokerage Co.

Joe's interests were wide. He was active in many organizations, including Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co., Cuyamaca Club, YMCA Century Club, San Diego Ducks Unlimited, and Al Bahr Shrine.

He gave his time for public affairs and at various times served on the San Diego County and Federal grand juries, and the San Diego County Fish and Game Commission.

Joe also loved a woman. Hazel, as his wife provided him with the warmth and companionship that every truly successful man needs. He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters, a brother, a sister, and six grandchildren.

The French have a fine word in their language for saying goodbye--"Au revoir". Joe, we don't say goodbye, but as the French say, "Till we meet again."

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