

## Ambrose Fidelis Assessor

Ambrose Fidelis Assessor was born September 28, 1914, the oldest in a family of 6 children. His parents died within 6 months of each other, leaving Ambrose (at age 23) the guardian of his two sisters and 3 brothers: Tafe 19, Delores 17, Elvira 15, Barney 13, and Richard 11. Amb did his best to care for and provide for his siblings, ex., he washed the walls of Nativity School (16 rooms by hand) to pay for their tuition. They lived through the Great Depression. They were so poor that they waited in the bread lines. Amb was very dedicated to helping his family all of his life. After he married and had a daughter, he would take his brothers and sisters along on vacation up north.

Ambrose served in the service as an MP in World War II. He was in Paris when it was liberated. His brothers Barney & Richard were also in the service. Richard was taken prisoner-of-war in Poland. At the end of the war, he was released.

Amb met his future wife, Ellen Fraga, when she rented a room in a house next door to his house. They were married on Aug. 31, 1946. After they were married, he also helped Valeriano & Martina. Every 2 weeks they would travel to their farm, and Martina would have a list of things for him to fix. Amb was always happy to help.

Ellen & Amb's daughter, Cathy, was born on June 22, 1947. He was a wonderful father, who always gave selflessly of himself to support his family, even taking a second job to pay for tuition or whatever else was needed.

Amb worked for Red Star Yeast for 30 years. He made many friends in the bakeries where he delivered yeast. One of the bakers even taught him how to decorate cakes, at which he became very proficient.

Ambrose was two months away from retirement when he passed away suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage on July 17, 1974 at the age of 59. After he died, Ellen & Cathy heard from so many people about all the things he did for them that they had no idea about. All his life, he was known for quietly helping others, not wanting any recognition for what he did.

Isabelle Valdez wrote in a letter that he set a beautiful example for all of us in how to live life – Simply with love.