



Deacon Rudolph "Rudy" Edward Brazil

November 2, 1923 - September 14, 2014

Born November 2, 1923 in Gustine, CA and entered into rest on September 14, 2014 in Fremont, CA at the age of 90. Survived by his nephews Michael Brazil of Manteca, CA; Gregory Brazil of Gilroy, CA; Christopher Brazil of San Mateo, CA; Stephen Brazil of Gilroy, CA; and his niece, Joanne Neidhamer of Fresno, CA.

Rudolph served in the United States Navy and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. While serving in an amphibious division in World War II, he participated in the landing at Iwo Jima and witnessed the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi. He loved to tell stories of his time as the Signal Officer aboard the U.S.S. Valley Forge, and he was very proud to be given the honor of firing the last full salvo from the main guns of the U.S.S. Atlanta.

In 1987, Rudolph was ordained a Diocesan Deacon in the Catholic Church. He served as a Deacon at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fremont, CA where he also worked as the Director of Religious Education. Rudolph was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus and past Grand Knight. Rudolph served as a chaplain for Washington Hospital, Kaiser Fremont, and the Fremont Fire and Police Departments. He loved reading about naval history, spending time with his family, eating good food, and serving God.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 22, from 5-8pm with a Vigil at 7pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 23, 10am at the church. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, CA.