



Jack Reviglio remembered in Reno

Reno was Jack Reviglio's beloved community. He loved it unconditionally, said many of his friends who celebrated his life Friday. Reviglio, co-founder of Western Nevada Supply and one of the founders of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, died April 23 after battling cancer. He was 73.

"They celebrated the life of a great man today," Mayor Bob Cashell said at the memorial, held at the Boys & Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows. "He was an amazing individual. He and the whole family have been such leaders in this community and we really lost a true patriarch in this community. We're going to miss him very much."

If someone needed help, they knew that Reviglio, his wife Ro and their sons and daughter would be there.

"Jack Reviglio exemplified everything that was great and wonderful about Reno as a community," said developer Harvey Whittemore, who attended his memorial, held at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. "He and Ro were absolutely a yes" every time you called. There was never a maybe. There was never a no. And if you asked for \$250, they gave you \$500."

Remembering Reviglio

A standing-room only crowd packed St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church for the afternoon Mass, which was led by Bishop Randolph Calvo and attended by Gov. Brian Sandoval and many politicians.

"It was just a very moving tribute to him," said Leo Bergin, president of the board of Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. "It's a fine tribute to him because he deserves it. What the Reviglio family has done, not just for the Boys & Girls Club but for churches and the university."

Friends of the siblings were there to pay their respects and lend support.

Bret Youngblood said he grew up with sons Rick and Ted.

"We played baseball together and I coached Rick's kids in baseball," he said.

"I've known the Reviglio's forever, a long time. I knew Jack really well. He was like our second dad, a great guy."

Although Youngblood went to Reno High School and Rick attended Bishop Manogue High School, the pair bonded playing baseball for an American Legion baseball team.

What he said he admired the most was that Jack Reviglio was at every game. And even while battling cancer, Reviglio attended all the grandchildren's games.

"He would come and go to every one of the kid's games when I was coaching the kids," Youngblood said. "Their family always came to the games. They took up half the section for every game. It was hilarious. They were our best fans."

Kerri Garcia, who said she went to Bishop Manogue with daughter Kari, grew up knowing and admiring Jack Reviglio.

"To then turn around and be on the board, it was an honor for me," she said. "You can't think of the club without thinking of Jack and his family."

'Lifetime service'

The Boys & Girls Club cancelled its after-school program and set tables and chairs in the auditorium for 700 people.

"We know we are going to exceed that," said Mike Wurm, chief professional officer for the Club. "Today was just about making sure we honor Jack for his lifetime service to the Boys & Girls Club, nothing else. We wanted to make sure that when people came in they just capture a little piece of what Jack did for this community."

Picture boards told the story of a family man, a fisherman, a businessman who always had a big smile.

Grandson Christian Reviglio said he learned that community comes first from his grandfather.

"He's taught us not to worry about the material things in life and put most of your effort towards helping out people who need help rather than ourselves," the 25-year-old said.

"It's really hard, I think, to come here and see how many people showed up for this event and to think how in the world am I going to impact these many lives in my own life. Those are huge shoes to fill. I'm definitely going to give it a try".