

Joe Pallotta II

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Joe Pallotta II Joe Pallotta II, born to Joseph and Loretta Pallotta in Tormey, CA in 1919, died Sunday, December 21, 2003 after a long illness. As a child he and his family moved to Crockett where he remained a life long resident. Joe attended local Crockett schools and became interested in music. He was an avid drummer and was best known for his Big Band sound. In the early 1930's Joe joined the local musician's union and formed a combo using his relatives. He and his band would play the local joints while still in school. His musician expertise took him to the well known Sweets Ballroom in Oakland, which is where his Big Band sound originated. His wife, Gwen was the vocalist. He played locally at dance halls like the Dream Bowl in Napa and was the house band at the famous Casa de Vallejo in the 1940's. His orchestra disbanded in 1966 which led him to form a combo with his brother Babe. They continued to perform casuals in the area for another 30 years. Throughout his career, he had

great fortune to play with many talented musicians. Joe was a staunch union supporter and held different offices in the Richmond Musicians Union, Local 424, and the Vallejo Musicians Union, Local 367 throughout the years, including the position of president. Joey was preceded in death by his wife Gwen and sister Francis. He is survived by his son Joe III, grandsons Joe IV and Nicholas, sisters Helen Machado, Hilda Torres, Mary Gigli and Brother Babe along with numerous nieces and nephews. He and his music will be greatly missed. Family and friends are invited to attend his Memorial Service Friday, December 26, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Hosselkus Chapel, Crockett.

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