Ric Tombari Passes Away September 14

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 Henry "Ric" Tombari, professor emeritus of management and finance, died suddenly
of an apparent stroke at his home in Hayward on Sept. 14. His wife, Joan Sieber,
emerita professor
 of psychology, was with him at the time of his death.

"He loved teaching and was a cherished teacher," Professor Sieber said.

Professor Tombari taught at the university from 1975 to his retirement in 1992.
During his tenure, he taught many courses, including "Business, Government and
Society" and "Establishing and Managing a Small Business." Prior to joining CSUEB,
he taught at George Washington University.

He grew up in a non
-English
-speaking family and was the first male in his
neighborhood in Cohoes, New York, to graduate from high school. After high school,
he joined the U.S. Navy and sent his salary home to his grandparents.

He won a fleet appointment to the Naval Academy and later completed two master's

Former colleagues, students and friends are invited to share their memories
and tributes .

Comments
 Professor Emerita : Jodi Servatius

Ric had a special sparkle. I loved the way he took such pleasure in sharing his
enthusiasm with others
—a tour of his hillside garden, a recommendation for a great
place to shop for office supplies, a tip on making homemade bread. His New York
accent, his razor
-sharp wit, his funny stories, all stand out in my memory. His love
for all things Italian was unbounded. So was his generosity; he was especially very
proud of the scholarship program he and Joan had established at CSUEB. Most of all,
I think I will remember Ric for the way he talked about Joan when she wasn’t
around, of how he loved and admired her, how proud he was of her accomplishments
and how much he treasured their partnership.