Remember Enrico’s?

Louise Marciano sure does! As seen by her photos, she remembers Theresa Brewer, Patti Page, Jimmy Darrin, Bobby Rydell, Bob Everlee and so many top entertainers who brightened the stage at Enrico’s (Italian for Henry), a Wildwood Crest establishment located at the far south end of the island opened up by her father, Enrico, on May 16, 1970. She remembers the opening night with the Glenn Miller Band. Enrico’s was a large stucco building with a big tin man outside. There was a door man and valet parking and music and dancing with dinner. There were shows that began at 9pm every night, with Flamenco dancers and Mariachi bands in the early days. The food was mainly Italian cuisine along with steaks and chops. “The one dish I recall was my favorite, the Bonfire- which was a quarter of a duck, a quarter of a chicken, a few spare ribs and a piece of beef on top of pork fried rice,” says Louise. In 1978 the Flamenco Room was built behind the restaurant and Louise recalls Pat Cooper being there for the ground breaking ceremony. “Enrico’s way ahead of it’s time,” recalls Louise fondly. Those were the days!

Regina & Nicole Pepe grew up in Enrico’s and were fortunate to meet so many of stars that performed there.