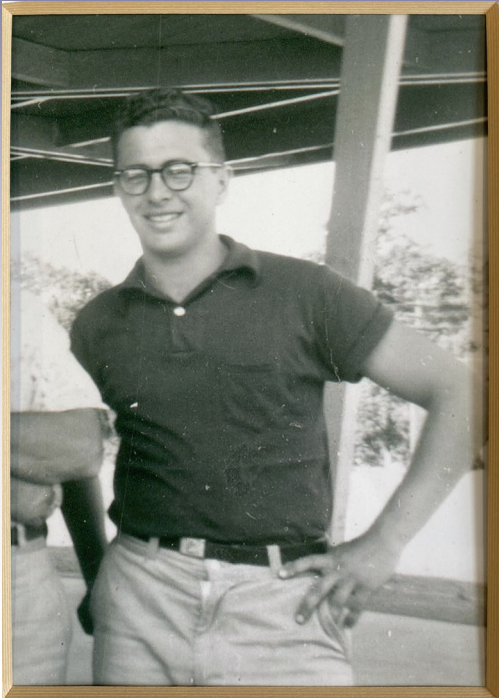


# Edward Charles Merlo



Edward Charles Merlo was a Stockton resident and founding member of the Stockton Cultural Heritage Board. He, along with the Board, was instrumental in preserving Stockton's historic buildings.

Merlo and his partner, Madeleine Lawton, purchased the Fox California Theatre in 1979, which saved it from being demolished. This theatre, which is now known as the Bob Hope Theatre, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places due to the work of Merlo and Lawton.

Merlo was also driving force in preserving El Dorado School, which is now known as Stockton School for Adults.

