

Ermanno Tiramani (1921 - 2018)

Surveyor, artillery officer, entrepreneur, **Ermanno Tiramani** has stood out as one of the most important cultural, political and economic figures in Valsesia for more than 60 years. During '60s and '70s he served as member of Varallo municipal committee playing a significant role to provide the town of many necessary public works.

As long-time president of "SOMS" (mutual aid society), he kept the "puncetto" (local lace) tradition alive, founding a lot of specialized schools throughout the valley at the end of '80s.

During '80s and '90s as member of Valsesia Mountain Community council, he contributed to promote and improve the best local handicrafts.

In February 1978 he became chairman of the governing body of Varallo Sesia Tourist Agency spending his energies to have tourism considered as one of the main economic fields.

As president of "Club Anni d'Argento", senior citizens' centre of Varallo, he boosted the association accomplishing the renovation of their elegant venue.

Very fond of music, in 1981, together with Joseph Robbone and Franco Fuselli, he founded Viotti - Valsesia International Competition (from 2000's edition on "Valsesia Musica"), since then devoting himself to make the competition more and more important in the international music context.