



## Franklin Tuliao Raquedan

July 29, 1965 - June 21, 2019

### Obituary

Franklin T. Raquedan, 53, was taken from this earth on June 21, 2019 at Veteran Affairs Memorial Hospital in Palo Alto, California. Franklin was a husband, a father, a son, a brother, an uncle, a beloved friend and a veteran.

Franklin was born on July 29, 1965 in Manila, Philippines to Frank and Isabel Raquedan. He was the youngest of seven siblings and immigrated to Los Altos, California at the age of four on October 20, 1970. He spent his formative years in the Bay Area and graduated from Los Altos High School in 1984.

On June 5, 1986, Franklin entered active duty in the United States Navy. He was the recipient of several medals and ribbons including the Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal two times, the National Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Franklin was honorably discharged from the Navy at E-4 rank in November 1994.

While Franklin was stationed on the USS Denver LPD-9 in San Diego, California, he would visit Tijuana, Mexico with shipmates on the weekends. On December 20, 1987, Franklin met his future wife, Rosario, who happened to be grabbing a beer with her sister at Club Viva Zapata on Revolution Avenue, a street in Tijuana known for its club and bar scene.

Franklin didn't speak Spanish and Rosario didn't speak English, but with the help of one of Franklin's shipmates who translated, Franklin asked Rosario to dance. They were inseparable from then on, and after several months of seeing each other every weekend, and using a Spanish-English dictionary to overcome the language barrier, Rosario and Franklin married on September 8, 1988 in National City, California. The following year, Franklin and Rosario relocated to the Bay Area in 1989. They gave birth to their first son, Nicholas on November 27, 1990 in San Jose. Several years later, they gave birth to their second son, D'Angelo on January 26, 1996.

Franklin was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in 2002. He received a bone marrow transplant from his brother, Rodrigo, several months following his diagnosis and underwent a few rounds of chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Eleven months after the transplant took place, Franklin began experiencing pain in his leg and it was determined that he had a tumor on his hip. The tumor was removed and Franklin was told he had 18 months to live. To Franklin and his family's surprise, he lived past the 18 month mark and went into remission for 15 years. In March of 2018, Franklin was admitted to the emergency room for a very bad case of pneumonia. He underwent a medically induced coma, for nine days and was hospitalized until June 2018. His health worsened over the coming months and due to complications from previous chemotherapy and radiation treatment, Franklin passed away from heart failure on June 21, 2019.

Franklin was a huge 49er football fan and a collector. His many collections included toys, action figures, Legos, anything Batman or Star Wars related, comic books, foreign currency, key chains, and Bay Area sports memorabilia such as bobble heads, tickets, and sports jerseys. He leaves behind his wife, Rosario, his two sons, Nico and D'Angelo, his brothers Roger Raquedan and Rodridgo Raquedan, and his sisters Evelyn Nosé (née Raquedan) and Lorna

Dela Cruz (née Raquedan). He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Isabel Raquedan; his sister, Teresita Casuga (née Raquedan); and his brother Moises Raquedan. His memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at St. Joseph's Church in Cupertino.

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