



Laurentino "Larry" C. del Carmen

December 9, 1938 - January 21, 2022

Obituary

Laurentino "Larry" C. del Carmen, 83, passed away on January 21, 2022 in San Jose, California.

Born on December 9, 1938 in Cavite City, Philippines to Florante and Amalia del Carmen and was the second eldest amongst his five siblings. In high school, he ran track and almost made it to the Olympics as part of the team Philippines.

In April 1959, Larry enlisted in the US Navy where he gained the love of travel and collected porcelain figurines from his various destinations. He was stationed in San Diego, Korea, Virginia, and numerous US Naval Aircraft Carriers such as the USS Forrester and USS Nimitz. Larry served during the Vietnam war and retired after 20 years of military service. He extremely proud of serving his country. After retirement in 1979, he joined the post office as a mail carrier and retired after 22 years.

Along with being a distinguished member of the US Navy, Larry was a passionate of being a Freemason. In 1992, Larry earned the highest rank that anyone can earn at a lodge of Master Mason at Willow Glen Lodge #626 in San Jose. He rose to the 32nd degree of Scottish Rite and also served the Grand Lodge of California as an inspector.

Larry kept a very private profile but enjoyed traveling to national parks, traveling the world, fishing, trimming his perfect mustache, classical music, listening to AM radio, watching baseball, sci fi, crime drama and historic documentaries.

Aside from survived by his lovely wife of 53 years, Nelia and daughters, Laurie Gomez (Jose) and Lanel Mah (Sherman), Larry also leaves behind his four grandchildren Joseph, Samantha, Christopher, and Andrew. Along with surviving siblings Cora Maling, Florante Jr and Romero.

Celebration of life with Masonic and Catholic funeral mass will be held at International Christian Center, 3275 Williams Road, San Jose, California, on Thursday, February 10th from 12-4pm. Larry will be laid to rest the following day at a small ceremony alongside brothers in arms at California Central Coast Veteran Cemetery, located in Seaside, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made in Laurentino del Carmen's honor to Masonic Homes of California. His lodge name is Willow Glen Fraternity No. 399 in the drop down.

We sincerely thank all of you for your outpouring of prayers, thoughts, and support during this difficult time. Larry will be greatly missed!

“Although our lives’ journeys have bid us to be apart, I am with you, you are with me, always in our hearts.”