



James McCarthy Quidato

July 18, 1935 - June 12, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of James McCarthy Quidato on June 12, 2024. He was 88 years old. He will be deeply mourned by his daughters, Karen Quidato and Sandra Quidato Connelly.

James was born July 18, 1935, in Iloilo City, Philippines. He was the youngest of Vic and Dalmacio Quidato's seven children. As a young man, he came to the United States in May of 1956 making his way to the San Francisco Bay Area to join his family here. He shortly thereafter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1956. When he finished his service with the Marines, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 and was stationed in Freising, Germany, where he met the love of his life, Alma Gruell, who would become his beloved wife of 51 years. They returned to California with their newborn daughter, Karen, in 1964, with daughter Sandra following a year later. To support his young family, James found work as a welder at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Later in 1972, he would be transferred to Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, and the family settled in the Napa Valley, where James and Alma would live out their lives. Upon retirement, they enjoyed traveling the world with friends and family.

James was known for his kind and generous spirit. He was always available to lend a helping hand to friends and family. He was an avid card player and enjoyed his weekly games with his poker buddies of almost 40 years. James

also loved his daily walks with his friends and his beloved dogs. Together they walked all over the Napa Valley, enjoying the sights and each other's company.

James was preceded in death by his wife Alma. He is survived by his daughters Karen and Sandy, son-in-law Mike Connelly, and grandchildren, Anna Connelly Guinn (Garrett Guinn), and Reno Connelly. He also leaves behind numerous cousins and nieces and nephews, who will miss "Uncle Jim" very much. The family is deeply grateful for the love and support of friends and relatives, and from "Tatay's" special caregivers, Ana Liza, Mar, Rita, Cleo and Josie.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Napa County Animal Shelter.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Dear Karen & Sandy,
Although my time with your dad was short, it was long enough to know what a fine person he was. I loved being with him, listening to his stories, watching him cook and learning some new things to make myself when I got back home. He was fun to play cards with and he was generous with his time, taking us all on a tour through Napa. I have never forgotten my time with him and I'm so saddened by his passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

"Cousin" Linda in NJ



Linda P - August 10, 2024 at 01:25 PM

SL

“ Karen & Sandy,
Your Dad was a kind and gentle soul. He was an excellent cook, a fun dance partner and since we all lived together--"our landlord". Thinking of you both, and may you be surrounded in love during this time.

~The other Sandy



Sandra Lynch - June 17, 2024 at 10:12 PM

JD

“ Karen and Sandy , I loved your dad so much. He was so kind and always so thoughtful to myself and Maria. We always loved staying with him every chance we had. We had a wonderful time playing cards with him. I loved the stories he shared with us about his travels with both of you. How much he loved both of you, and aunt Alma. Uncle Jim was a kind ,loving, funny and caring man. I will always love. And never forget.

Janet Deroo - June 14, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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“ Bob and Chris Connelly lit a candle in memory of James Quidato



Bob and Chris Connelly - June 13, 2024 at 12:48 PM



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Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel & Crematory - June 12, 2024 at 08:37 PM