



## Aquilino Ramirez Basa

January 4, 1938 - August 24, 2025

Aquilino Ramirez Basa, age 87 of Sacramento, CA, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on August 24, 2025.

Born on January 4, 1938, in Navotas, Phiippines, he lived a life rooted in love, service and devotion to family.

He was the eldest of six brothers: Teofilo, Ernesto, Emiliano, Primitivo and Arsenio Basa; and junior to his half-brother Vivencio and sisters, Gloria and Eliana Dizon.

He joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 18. As a proud U.S. Navy Veteran, his career included tours abroad the USS Ranger, USS Witchita and USS Midway where he served as a Mess Management Specialist First Class. He retired on November 1, 1988.

He eloped with his beloved wife, Sulpicia "Sol" Basa in 1962 and were later married in the eyes of God in 1963 - they shared 47 years of marriage, raising four children: Joel, Aquilino Jr., Annalyn and Michelle. Their marriage was a testament to partnership and unconditional love. After Sol's passing from cancer in 2010, he was fortunate to find love a second time and remarried in 2012 to Rita Del Castillo. With her, he shared nearly 13 years of marriage, gaining four bonus children.

He will be fondly remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather and great-grandfather, as well as a loyal brother, uncle and friend. His family was his greatest source of pride and he delighted in watching his legacy grow and flourish. Hobbies he enjoyed over the years included bowling, fishing, mahjong, going to the casino and hitting the dice tables. He loved to entertain, especially with food and was well known for his infamous lasagna and steam boats.

Aquilino is survived by his wife, Rita Del Castillo; his children Joel (Michelle) Basa, Aquilino Jr. (Janette) Basa, Michelle (Paul) Mechure; his bonus children Leah (Jeff) Kral, Connie Del Castillo, Lenin (Thais) Del Castillo, Hollie (Garey) Del Castillo, 10 grandchildren: Alex, Sophia, Hazel, Roan, Cameron, Brayden, Kaia, Kira, Kawena, Makana; and 2 great-grandchildren Kylie and Raya.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sulpicia C. Basa, and oldest daughter Annalyn C. Basa-Merza.

Viewing will be held at St. Basil's the Great Catholic Church in Vallejo CA on Tuesday, September 9th, from 10am-11:45pm. Mass will begin at 12 Noon followed by military honors presented by the United States Navy.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no public reception following the Mass.\*

Arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. [www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com](http://www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com)