



## Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr.

January 6, 1938 - February 5, 2024

Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan, Jr. passed away peacefully in his sleep at his hospice in Napa, California on February 5, 2024.

He was born on January 6, 1938, in Manila, Philippines to Senator and former Ambassador Carlos S. Tan, Sr. and Isabel Mirasol Tan. He grew up in San Francisco from the age of 11, where he graduated from St. Ignatius High School. He went on to study at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where he was a key member of the Georgetown Track Team. A gifted runner, he set numerous school records and the California high school state record for the 400m event and was awarded a full scholarship to Georgetown. Upon graduation from Georgetown in 1960, he was one of a few select Filipinos admitted to Harvard University's Business School, where he earned his MBA in 1962. Upon graduating, he returned to Manila, where he worked with other young technocrats in the Program Implementation Agency. He then served first as Director of Project Evaluation and subsequently as Vice President in the House of Investment, an affiliate of the Yuchengco group. It was in Manila where he met and married Purisima Kalaw Katigbak, with whom he was married for 27 years. Their union produced three children, Maria-Isabel "Miel" Tan Pedersen, Carlos Jose "Brandy" Tan, III, and Noelle Marie Tan.

Carlos and Puri moved their family to Washington, D.C. in 1971, where Carlos took up numerous positions at the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group. In a storied IFC career, he served in numerous capacities overseeing at various times Asia and the Middle East and spearheading many

of IFC's early strategic expansions and investments in those regions, particularly the Thailand and South Korean markets, and opening their Bangkok office. After retiring from IFC, he served as President and CEO of Bumble Bee Seafoods in San Diego, California. He continued to provide consulting services post-retirement and returned to IFC to steer special restructuring projects during the Asian Financial Crisis. An avid wine lover, he eventually retired full time to Napa Valley, California.

Carlos lived a full and adventurous life. He was defined by his many passions, including wine, food, golf, music, skiing, and his beloved Harley Davidsons. He and his Harleys crisscrossed the U.S. regularly, attending rallies in Sturgis and Miami and joining the Bangkok Immortals on overseas riding trips. He was a curious intellectual and an intrepid traveler, constantly seeking new experiences.

Carlos is survived by Puri, his three children Miel, Brandy and Noelle, his son-in laws Henrik Pedersen and Frankie Vernon, his daughter in law Maria Decsey Tan, his five grandchildren, Amanda Pedersen, Sofia Pedersen, Christian Pedersen, Amelie Decsey Tan and Carlos Alexandre Decsey Tan, IV, his brother Ricardo Tan and his sister Lourdes "Lulu" Tan Leikas. He will return home to the Philippines to be buried in Manila Memorial Cemetery with his parents.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 552-6696  
[twinchapels@aol.com](mailto:twinchapels@aol.com)

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Leo Buscaglia said: “I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories.”

*When we heard of Carlos passing, we were shocked/saddened. Jim and I met Carlos through my sister Delia, and he became part of our family. Carlos was a fun, loving, generous, and Intelligent man. Every time we had the opportunity to see him it was always pleasant, loving, and lots of laughter. Although he had accomplished a lot in his life, he was humble, a man with class. We have many great memories of Carlos and one that really fun was when we were invited to attend a Bubble Bee Christmas party and Carlos danced like nobody was looking; he danced the night away, he lived life.*

*Our sincere condolences to all who loved him and will miss him.*

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**Jim and Sylvia Rasey** - February 25, 2024 at 01:06 PM

DS

“ Carlos and I met at Bumble Bee Seafoods in San Diego, CA. He was practical and grounded; I was cautious and wary. It took time to warm up to each other, but, once we did, we shared a profound connection, one that was hard for anyone to disrupt. Carlos and I were engaged for three years, and we were together for a very long time. My family and I share a lot of good memories. I only want to share the good times. The heart remembers most what it has loved best. Carlos lived a full life. I was able to talk to him on several occasions before his passing and I was so happy for him when he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. Carlos was a good man to so many people. Rest in peace, Carlos. You hold a good place in my life and in my heart. Much love to you and yours, Delia Salcido.

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**Delia Salcido** - February 22, 2024 at 03:03 PM

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“ I was fortunate to meet Carlos after I joined the IFC. We also had many occasions to ride motorcycles together including a trip we took up the coast from San Francisco through Redwood forests and ending up in Napa Valley. In Napa we visited more wineries than rode miles in one day, and finally had to park our bikes and hire taxis. It was a wonderful trip and Carlos was a wonderful fellow biker, friend, and professional mentor. Sharp witted, quick to laugh, and always up for an adventure he will be missed by his many friends and family. My deepest condolences to all his family. Peter Michener

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**Peter Michener** - February 20, 2024 at 02:54 AM

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“ From Bob, Beth, Eric, Rob and Alex purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..



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**From Bob, Beth, Eric, Rob and Alex** - February 18, 2024 at 03:41 PM

JD

“ Jutta and Dorrit purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..



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**Jutta and Dorrit** - February 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JD

“ Jutta and Dorrit planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..

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**Jutta and Dorrit** - February 18, 2024 at 11:27 AM

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“ Albert S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..

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**Albert S.** - February 16, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..



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February 14, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ Madhu and Rich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..

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**Madhu and Rich** - February 14, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ What a gift it was for me to arrive at Georgetown in the fall of 1956, never having travelled out of New England, to find that my assigned roommate was fellow track man Carlos Tan. What a special person- very smart, funny, and a truly gifted athlete.. After that first "assigned" year as roomies we stayed together for two more great years by choice, and remained friends for life- fortunately being able to rendezvous many times, especially during his time living in Colorado. So, so sorry to learn of Carlos' passing. Deepest condolences to his family and all who loved him. (please send details if there is a memorial or celebration of life scheduled in the US) Bob Vinton

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**Bob Vinton** - February 12, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..*



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February 11, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *The Szozda & Tragesser families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlos "Baby" Mirasol Tan Jr..*

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**The Szozda & Tragesser families** - February 11, 2024 at 05:04 PM