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Enrique Castro Rojas came to the Bay Area from the island of Guam in 1960. He was born November 19, 1925 in Agana, Guam. He was a talented electrician and entrepreneur on the Island and with his loving wife, Catalina and a growing family of 4 children, made his way to the mainland in search of the American dream and a new frontier. He made his home in Vallejo and began working at Mare Island Naval Shipyard while his family continued to grow 3 more children born in Vallejo. In the spirit and culture of his homeland, he founded the Vallejo Guam Social Club to connect with other area islanders and proudly entertained and hosted the first elected Governor of Guam, Carlos Camacho, on their first visit to Vallejo. Eagerly bringing his culture to Vallejo, he hosted many Little League & Babe Ruth Baseball teams from Guam, inspiring many with his hospitality and guidance. Enrique, the quintessential adventurer and family man, was constantly building a haven where family and friends could gather and enjoy many of the traditions he'd carried with him from Guam. Many great times were shared as he always welcomed family and friends to join them at their rustic cabin in Clearlake and eventually the Rojas Ranch in Winters, CA for a fiesta and pig roast. He spent his days enjoying the beautiful family he created, sharing the wisdom & traditions of his island culture as well as his experiences here in the States

with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Enrique was a natural born leader who lead his family with God & love through the adventure of life.

Enrique is survived by Catalina Matanane Rojas, his wife of 65 years; daughter Sandra (James) Wilkes; sons Rick Jr., Daniel (Debbie), Roland (Denise), Kenny (Cathy), Carl (Cathy) and Eddie (Patty); sister Lourdes Santos; brothers-in-law Ignacio Matanane & Juan Matanane (Maria); 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Pedro Atoigue & Nieves Pangelinan Rojas, sisters Maria Guerrero, Rosa Sanchez, Ana Carbullido & Concepcion Rojas and his brother Jose Rojas.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held 7:00 p.m. Monday at twin Chapels Mortuary. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia followed by burial in All Souls Cemetery. Visitation will be at Twin Chapels Mortuary after 1:00 p.m. Monday. Family prefers donations to Vallejo Kaiser Hospice program. Please visit the online tribute at www.twinchapelsmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA 94591
(707) 644-5209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

MAR 4. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Dominic's Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Tribute Wall

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“ *Grandpa Rick-
I will always remember your stories of Guam, while being stationed with the Navy. They were eventful and amazing in how you lived your life... Grandpa you will never be forgotten because your love as a husband, father and a true friend will always be in our hearts...and that my friend will go on forever as a true hero. I will miss you!*

*Love Always,
Chief Master At Arms- Luis Arellano, U.S Navy*

Luis Arellano - March 02, 2013 at 06:32 AM

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“ *Our love goes out to the entire Rojas family. Mr. Ric was a wonderful man and we have many, many incredible memories of him and fun times with everyone. Our hearts are broken too and we will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Partner & Debbi*

Debbi Bray - March 01, 2013 at 10:39 AM