



William Santiago

February 8, 1935 - December 9, 2025

William (Willie) Santiago transitioned to eternal life, at home peacefully and surrounded by love, on Tuesday evening, December 9th, 2025. He was 90 years old. Willie was the son of Gilbert and Felipa Rosario Santiago and the big brother to Charles (Charlie) Santiago. He graduated from Vallejo High in 1954 and was drafted into the Army in 1957 along with his brother. Willie worked as a machinist at Shop 38 on Mare Island for 30 years and retired in 1990. When he returned from the Army, Willie married his only true love, Nancy, in August of 1958. They were devoted to each other for over 65 years. Willie was a loving and loyal man who was dedicated to his family and friends, his silly nature could lighten the mood of any room he entered. Willie was competitive and a great athlete who loved sports. He spent many years playing and coaching at Wilson Park. In high school, Willie played for the Vallejo Apaches and dominated the pitchers mound. He coached his sons through Little League and Babe Ruth, and also coached his daughters PAL/City League team. But Willie's love for the game and desire to impact the youth never stopped. He continued his coaching legacy long after his children were grown. He is one of the last OG coaches of Wilson Park who was instrumental in building Vallejo's baseball community and impacting many lives, both young and old, along the way. Willie was honored by the Babe Ruth League for the 41 years he dedicated to the community and the youth of Vallejo. Willie is survived by his five children, Traci McDowell, Christina Santiago, Anthony (Tony) Santiago, Deirdre Cook (Dave) and Vincent

Santiago (Celine); his grandchildren Lorelei, Adrianna and Dominic; his great grandchildren Everett, Quinn and Maren. His transition of life reunites him with many souls he touched along the way including his parents, his loving wife Nancy, his brother Charlie, his grandson Bryce Anthony, and his son in law Rodney McDowell.

Memorial Service will be held Monday, December 22 at 11 AM at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee St., Vallejo. Inurnment will be private.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM.

Twin Chapels Mortuary

Tribute Wall

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“ RIP Coach Thank You for all the knowledge you shared not only on the field but in meetings on the phone always pushing me to become a staffer at Wilson Park where I played for so many years! I will never forget that and I owe my years as President of Wilson Park to you and your family! You have earned your rest and will always be considered a Vallejo Legend in my Book. Blessings on your entire plethora of Family and Friends. Never forgotten! RIP

David Pouncey Sr. - December 18, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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“ Rest in peace thank You for everything when I was in high school you picked us up everyday for practice and games and you didn't have to but you wanted to good man may God bless your soul and to the family prayers 🙏

Essix Dj Gutta Butta Dixon - December 18, 2025 at 11:24 AM

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“ Sherry Kass lit a candle in memory of William Santiago



sherry kass - December 16, 2025 at 11:00 PM