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Regino Rivera Obituary

Regino 'Reggie' Rivera 90, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii an Army veteran and a retiree of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 1:41pm after a brief illness at Queens West ICU surrounded by his family. He was born in Paia, Maui in the Villiage of Pulehu to the late Juan and Eulogia (Velasco) Rivera. He then grew up in Ewa where his father worked for the sugar plantation.

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Reggie was preceded in death by his one true love, Wilma Anne (Eurto) Rivera. They met in Massena, New York while Reggie was stationed with the Army at Fort Drum, New York during the Korean War. When he was honorably discharged, Reggie and Wilma were married on Sept. 25, 1954 in Ewa, Hawaii.

Reggie is survived by their 5 children: Paula Mascoto; Elizabeth De Oliveira (John); Jerald Rivera (Preston); Brenda Bazell (Mike) and Kimberly Longworth (Greg) from Grand Rapids, MI; 2 brothers: Vernon Rivera and Rudy Rivera both of Oahu and 3 sisters: Martina Dougherty of Pennsylvania, Caridad Wilson (Ron) of Alaska, and Frances "Leilani" Dhallwili of California. 8 grandchildren: Harmony Looper (Jim) of Aurora, CO; Sharaya Kaaikala (Blaine); Amber (Dustin), Brittany (Micah), Frank "Rocko" Mascoto III (Demari) of Denver, CO; Forrest Longworth (Stacy) of Grand Rapids, MI, Noel Longworth of NYC and Emma Longworth from Grand Rapids, MI. 7 great-grandchildren: Eliana, Natalia and Kassia of CO; Brighten, Brixten, Briaah and Baby 'C'; and many nieces, nephews and cousins that were so special to him.

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Private services for Reggie's Celebration of Life will be held at the Mililani Memorial Park.

Burial will follow at a later time at the Visitation Cemetery, Church of the Visitation in Norfolk, New York where he will be laid to rest with his wife, Wilma.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



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SS

Sandy Smith posted:

I was so blessed to reconnect with my Uncle Reg, I only wished I had done so sooner. Through him, I was able to vision my mother, to get to know her, Winifred "Frankie", the younger Mom I never got to know. For Uncle Reg, he saw his sister in me. He sometimes would slip and call me "sista", and I would chuckle and remind him...I am the younger version "niessa". For the time we had together, when I visited, he shared so many wonderful stories, and laughed at all his antics! An additionally blessing was getting to know his children, my lovely cousins, whom I will continue to treasure. I am glad that he is not in pain anymore, and I can only hear his joking and laughing nature. Sweet Uncle Reg! You are missed!

June 13 at 2:33 AM

LI

Liz posted:

So blessed by the donation made in honor of Dad by a former boss of Harmony to Earthlinks. Earthlinks creates opportunities through earth-centered programs; individuals step out of isolation and into community. Thank you, J & B Burke, Greenwood Village, CO

April 21 at 3:41 AM

LI

Liz posted:

So blessed by a card from Dad's Army buddy, Ricky Gonzales, widow and family: "As you Honor your Father. 'To everything there is a season. a time for every purpose under heaven. Eccl 3:1' This is the time for remembering...what your father did and said and all the times you spent with him. These memories are a precious legacy of your father ~ his strength and his love, Praying that God will comfort you and that memories will keep your father close." Sorry for the loss of your father, you and your family Love, Rick and Family

April 21 at 3:35 AM

PM

Paula Mascoto posted:

I am so very grateful for my dad; you left your earthly life behind you. Your soul always stayed so young in just your playful ways. You will always live in my heart and your soul will always stay with me. I will always see your face in the rising sun, always smiling up at me. You are with mom now and I will see you again. I love you and miss you so much....Paula

February 16 at 12:57 AM



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PM

Paula Mascoto posted:

You have left this earthly life behind. You will always live in my heart. Your soul will stay with me, and I will see your smiling face in the rising sun, your eyes in the stars. I know each night you will down on me. I miss you so very much. Love you, Paula

February 16 at 12:35 AM

BR

Brenda posted:

I found this beautiful poem for my Dad. Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on
And cherished memories never fade
Because a loved one's gone
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart
Far as long as there is memory
They'll live on in the heart
Anonymous Love you Dad forever!
Brenda

February 13 at 6:42 AM

LO

Liz De Oliveira posted:

I am forever grateful for all the cards, flowers, fruit basket, calls and conversations of remembrances and condolences from: D. Santos (MA), S. Dasilva (RI), R. Dantas (MA), H. DaVeiga (MA), P. Viernes (HI), L. Leahy (MA), J. & E. Looper (CO), S.Hashimoto & Family (HI), B.Leitao (RI), Dr. T. Hata (HI), L. Oliveira (FL), C. Tirpak (HI), L. Dilorio (FL), T. Levesque (MA).Also, forever Grateful for the special postings of love and remembrances from Dad's Grandchildren:"I love you Papa, give Grandma a big hug for me." E. Longworth (MI)"...I was never able to meet my Grandma, but I know he's in Heaven with her now. How blessed we are to not only to have had my Papa, but for my boys to have a relationship with their Great Grandpa. We love you forever Papa. Thank you for all of your sacrifices and love." S. Kaaikala (HI)"...For all the ways you stepped in to care for us, I will always be grateful." H. Looper (CO)"We had to say goodbye to Papa yesterday, we are all missing him. I love this photo of the two of us (both in their 20's) seeing how much I look like him. Love you Papa." F. Longworth (MI)"Remembering the good times in Hawaii. Posting a video of a visit with his Papa to Bruddah Iz singing 'Over the Rainbow'. N. Longworth (NYC)"In life, we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill. Rest in love Papa." B. A. (HI)"Rest in love Papa. Won't be the same going back to Hawaii and not having you around and listening to all your stories. May you be in eternal peace now, reunited with your love and watching over our babygirl for us. We love you and will miss you. a hui hou." D. & R. Mascoto (CO)"Rest in Love Papa!!! We love you. He always made the best French toast. I was a hard day but we know you're with grandma in heaven. See you in New York." A. A. (HI)"The best thing we could think of to honor our Papa was to go to the beach. His happy place for sure. We had so many great beach days with him. The sunset was gorgeous and the salt water helped to start the healing process. We love you Papa. We will see you in the waves." H. Looper (Co), S. Kaaikala (HI) & R. Mascoto (CO)

February 10 at 2:28 AM



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So grateful for all the Social Media Comments and Text from Family and Friends: (con't)"Prayers he was a great man." R. Eurto Jr (NY)"Rest in peace Uncle Reggie." K. Taylor (MI)"I am sorry for your loss. May he rest in love with the Lord and your Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. i will always have great memories with your Dad and about your Dad. Papa was a great man and he loved his family so much. xoxo Love you." T. DaPonte (MA)"Sorry for the loss of your father. Uncle Regi will be missed Dearly. R.I.P. Now you get to see Aunt Wilma and surf the heavenly waves." B. Buder Jr. (NY)"Our deepest condolences Liz and Family. Uncle Reggie was a wonderful man with an infectious smile and giving heart. He will be missed, thought of often and loved forever." E. Torabi (AZ)"See you in the resurrection day my dear cousin!" C. Rivera (CA)"My deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of your father, Regi. I do remember Regi and knew him to be a kind, loving father and husband to Wilma. Rest in Peace." K. Smith (NC)"I am so thankful I got to know him and wonderful memories of good conversations and funny moments. My heart is filled with deepest sorrow for you and your family with the passing of someone you loved so dearly. He will bw missed! Love you all and thinking of you, praying for your hearts to be healed." S. Smith (TN)"I am so sorry, he was so loved by everyone he touched. May he rest in peace and be joined with his wonderful wife for eternity rest in peace Reggie. In many prayers go out to you and your beautiful family." D. Eurto (NY)"He was a great man and I always enjoyed visiting with him when we were in Hawaii." S. Eurto (NY)"Forever in our Hearts." E. Deorain (DC)"I'm sorry Aunty. Papa will always hold a special place in my heart. Love you. Wish we could be there." J. DeOliveira (MA)"So very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad, Auntie. He always had a smile on his face, one we will never forget! I'm sorry we cannot be there but know you and the family are in our thoughts. xoxo we love you." M. DeOliveira (MA)"My heart aches for his loss but is also rejoicing for that reunion. Miss him. Hugs to all of you." J. Sphar (ID)"I'm so Sorry for the loss of your Dad, Rest In Peace Reggie, he was a great man. I loved our conversations we would have from time to time." D. DeOliveira (MA)

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LO

Liz De Oliveira posted:

Dad served in the Army during the Korean War and received an honorable discharge in 1953.

February 11 at 10:09 AM

LO

Liz De Oliveira posted:

Our Dad, Our Papa, Our Hero!Our Dad was a quiet fun loving man who loved his family. He handled so many hard times on his own being widowed in 1971 and raising his five children (16,15,12,10,6). Moving from New York to California in search of employment this new RCA Institute graduate had much to contend with. But never in those hard times did he ever fail us. God's hand was on us! Dad gained employment with Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and was later reinstated to permanent status with the Federal Government. Dad was later reassigned to Hawaii and raised us all until we were married.But as life would have it, Dad needed us and we were there.Dad you are loved and so dearly missed. We are forever grateful for you and all the sacrifices you made for each of us.You will always be 'Our Hero'.Forever in our hearts!

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