



Miguel Gumba

April 3, 1953 - April 11, 2024

HMC(FMF) Miguel Oneza Gumba, CPO, US Navy, Ret

Miguel Oneza Gumba, 71, of Vallejo, CA passed away on April 11, 2024 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Palo Alto after a short battle with cancer. Miguel is lovingly remembered by his wife Josefina, daughters Michelle, Angela, Geraldane and Rosemary, grandchildren Russell, Rosalie, and Isaac, siblings Betsy, Jun, Eva and Romy and countless friends and family.

Born on April 3, 1953 in Ligao, Albay, Philippines, to Jose Perdigon Gumba and Constancia Padua Oneza, Miguel was adored by his parents as the first-born son following 7 daughters. Miguel graduated from Mayon High School in 1971, later attending college at Adamson University, Manila, Philippines where he studied Accounting. In 1977, he left the Philippines to work in Saudi Arabia. There, Miguel worked as a statistician for the Saudi Arabia Port Authority at Port Jubail.

In 1978, Miguel began what would become a 46-year long loving and devoted relationship with Josefina. The two originally met as penpals and would go on to write to each other nearly daily for four years before finally meeting in 1981. Miguel and Josefina's friendship and love inevitably led to matrimony. They celebrated civil marriage on March 20, 1981 and enjoyed a church wedding ceremony on April 14, 1982.

On July 27, 1987, Miguel enlisted in the US Navy with a specialty in radiology. His military service would take him on travels around the world, including Northern and Southern California, Japan, and Saudi Arabia, where he served a tour of duty in Operation Desert Storm. Personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Colleagues knew him for his big smile and happy attitude, known for telling his battalion members “I take care of you, man.” Miguel retired from active duty in August 2009, after 22 years of service as a commendable Chief Petty Officer as HMC (FMF).

Miguel loved to travel with his family. He regularly revisited known and dearly loved places such as Hawaii and the Philippines. He aspired to visit all of the natural wonders of the US, and landmarks of great historical significance. Miguel’s travels in retirement brought him to new countries across the Atlantic, including the UK, France, Spain, Greece, Italy and Israel. His trip to the Holy Lands was a life-long goal. He found joy in Jerusalem, touching the miraculous, healing mud and swimming in the Dead Sea.

Next to his faith in God, the most important thing in Miguel’s life was the love and dedication he had for his family. Miguel prided himself on being resourceful, industrious, and forward-thinking. He was always applying these principles in order to protect and provide for his loved ones, often prioritizing their well-being before his own. And though some knew him as a man of strong moral fiber but few words, Miguel was a man of profound thoughtfulness and curiosity.

Although we were blindsided by his sudden illness, Miguel fought honorably, with tremendous strength and dignity. We are devastated to have lost a central figure in our family; however, we are comforted by the knowledge that Miguel’s soul now rests in eternal peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **30**. 11:30 AM (PT)

St. Catherina of Siena Catholic Church
3450 Tennessee Street
Vallejo , CA 94591

Graveside Service

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Tribute Wall



“ Juliet /Flor Cortez and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Miguel Gumba.



Juliet /Flor Cortez and family - April 29, 2024 at 02:27 AM



“ the Chin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miguel Gumba.

the Chin Family - April 27, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Miguel Gumba.



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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Miguel Gumba.



April 27, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Miguel Gumba.



April 27, 2024 at 12:01 AM



“ Wayne, Debbie, Gogo, Maga & LV Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miguel Gumba.

Wayne, Debbie, Gogo, Maga & LV Family - April 26, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Wayne, Debbie, Gogo, Maga & LV Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Miguel Gumba.



Wayne, Debbie, Gogo, Maga & LV Family - April 26, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Felipe Deus and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Miguel Gumba.



Felipe Deus and Family - April 26, 2024 at 12:03 AM



“ Michael, Katrina & Alex planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Miguel Gumba.

Michael, Katrina & Alex - April 24, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Miguel Gumba.



April 24, 2024 at 01:58 PM