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VICENTE M. "VINCE" FLORES

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Vicente M. "Vince" Flores, 86 passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Hearthside Manor in University Place, WA. Vince was born on January 4, 1931 to Carmen and Pedro Flores of Guam. He graduated high school in Toto, Guam and then joined the U.S. Army at 19. He was married to Edith Renaud on March 20, 1957. Together they raised three children; Glenn, Joel and Colleen.

Vince retired from the United States Army after 27 years of service in 1976 where he served as a combat medic for two tours in Vietnam and one tour in Korea. Upon retirement, he worked for the Clover Park School District an additional 20 years. After Edith's passing, Vince married Barbara Higaki on October 12, 2004. Together they loved to travel and golf.

An avid fisherman and crabber, Vince frequently travelled to Westport, WA for weekend getaways in his RV. He enjoyed playing golf and spending time at the casino. He always made sure that friends and family were taken care of and that everybody was always happy. He enjoyed making everyone laugh, spending time in his garden, fishing and being with his family.

Vince was preceded in death by his brothers, Gregorio, Pedro and Jose as well as his wife of 41 years, Edith.

He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Barbara, and children Glenn Takeuchi (Marie of Spanaway, WA), Joel Takeuchi (Cathy of Bonney Lake, WA), Colleen Shelley (Mike of Lakewood, WA), Trish Long (Rich of Tacoma, WA), Lisa Smith (Dennis of Wisdom, MT), and Leland Higaki (Candy of Box Elder, SD). His seven grandchildren, Breanne LeBlanc (Danny of Fort Irwin, CA), Justin Takeuchi (Norma of Auburn, WA), Mitchell Shelley of Seattle, Christine Nolte of Seattle,



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Emily Takeuchi of Champaign, IL, Ariel Nolte of Bonney Lake, Alicia and Zachary Long of Tacoma, and Heather Takeuchi of Bonney Lake, David and Jenise Higaki of Rapid City, SD, and his four great grandchildren, Belle and Juliette LeBlanc and Eli and Rylee Nolte.

Special thanks to Dr. Ulrich Birlenbach for his care of Vince over the years. And our deepest gratitude to the staff at Hearthside Manor for their loving care of Vince this past year.

Vince's celebration of life service with military honors will be held in the Aspen Chapel at Mountain View Cemetery on Friday, March 10 at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the adjoining hall. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in Vince's name.





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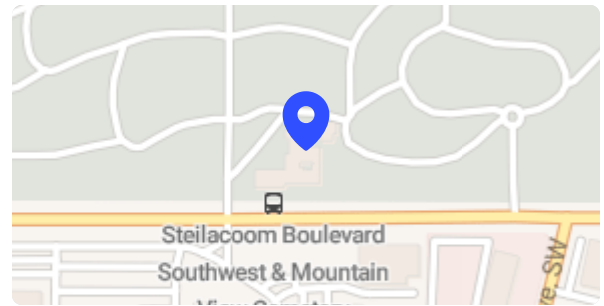
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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, March 10, 2017

 3:00 PM PT

 **Aspen Chapel**
Mt. View Funeral Home and Memorial Park,
Lakewood WA 98499





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ML

Margie Lane posted:

Thinking of you Bobbie. When Trish told me the news the very first thought that crossed my mind was how much fun we had the at the Puyallup fair one year when Alicia and Brent were younger. Vince was so funny about the fair games. I could see his happiness and silliness showing through in such a special way. I am wishing you much peace during this hard time. I am sure Trish is giving you all kinds of love and support. That sweet awesome daughter of yours. Love you both so very much. Hugs, Margie and Brent Lane

March 17 at 6:27 AM

CS

Cindy Sullivan posted:

I came to know Vince in his later years. He taught me Hawaiian . He sang to me about the donkey in the tree we picked apples He told stories about his fishing and crabbing. You could tell how much he loved it. But mostly there was a common thread for him. It was about sharing what he had with everyone else. He found great joy in giving. I am a better person for having to get to spend time with him. His service to our country is unmeasurable. Happy fishing Vince!

March 10 at 1:24 PM

LC

Leilani Corell posted:

We will remember Vince for his humor and as an avid fisherman who was also a caring husband and family man. He loved to laugh even when the joke was on him. We enjoyed the smoked salmon that he generously shared with everyone. Leilani and Ed Corell and Lori Donachie

March 10 at 1:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Flores family.



March 9 at 3:42 PM

TM

Teddy Mitchell posted:

Bobbie, I was so very sorry to hear about Vince's death. I am sorry that I wont be able to attend his services tomorrow but do know that you are in my thoughts and my love is with you and your family. Teddy

March 9 at 11:03 AM



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LS

Lorri Sensel posted:

We will miss Vince. He always had a sparkle in his eyes and a devilish grin to go with his wonderful sense of humor. Our hearts go out to Bobby and the family. Love and our deepest sympathy, Patrick and Lorri Sensel

March 9 at 3:42 AM

BB

Barbara A Benthien posted:

Vince knew how very blessed he was in having Bobbie and her kids in his life. Many happy memories to treasure in the tough days ahead. he had such a sparkle in his eyes, especially at the casino hitting the max button with John. Prayers for all the family to find comfort.

March 9 at 1:30 AM

LH

Leland Higaki posted:

I am so glad my mother and Vince found each other, late in life. Stubborn at times, a jokester always, I know he brought joy to my mother, and to all of us as well. He will be sorely missed, I wish I had taken the time to get to know him better, my loss. Love you old man, peace and serenity. Leland and Candy Higaki

March 7 at 3:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vicente by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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