



Antonio Miner Mendiola

June 2, 1931 - July 24, 2020

Our beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away on July 24th, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty in Tacoma, Washington. He recently celebrated his 89th birthday in the presence of his loving family. He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie and he is survived by his sister Guadalupe DeDeaux; 4 children, Antonio Jr. (Ledena), John (Molly), Linda, Diane (William); 6 grandchildren, Jason (Keisy), Erin (Urbon), Sean, Daniel, Austin, Megan; 3 great-grandchildren, Samuel, Elsie and Cecelia as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Antonio was born on the island of Guam in the south pacific and as a child, survived the occupation of Guam by Japanese forces and the subsequent liberation by the Allied forces during World War II. After turning 18 he joined the US Army spending 20 years in the service and achieving the rank of Major. He served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars earning various commendations including the Bronze Star for meritorious service during hostile counterinsurgency operations. He served in the Army's elite Special Forces known as the "Green Berets" and was part of clandestine operations including combat search and rescue operations as part of the 5th Special Forces Group under Project Delta, the highest decorated unit in Vietnam. During his time in the service, he was routinely recognized for his leadership and ingenuity, always leaving a situation far better than when he found it. A notable linguist, he was conversation fluent in 5 different languages. While in the military, he met the love of his life Elsie, whom he married on January 20th, 1954 and spent the next 45 years together until Elsie's passing in 1999.

While building a life in the Tacoma area, he went on to have a 20-year career working for the Port of Tacoma and retired in 1993. He helped establish the Guam Club of Washington to create a social structure for Chamorros living in Washington, serving as their inaugural President. Antonio loved to work outside during his free time, always coming up with projects to fill his time. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and in the past few years, his great-grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Pops".

Viewing will be at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lakewood, WA on Thursday July 30th

and Friday July 31st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Funeral services will be held at Mountain View Memorial Park in the Valley Chapel on Saturday, August 1st at 1:00 pm. Graveside service will follow at approximately 2:30 pm.

Comments



“ Tony, Ledena and family,
Our condolences and prayers your family.

Karen E Potebnya - August 01 at 06:18 PM



“ Team Evergreen purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Antonio Miner Mendiola.



Team Evergreen - July 31 at 10:30 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Antonio Miner Mendiola.



July 31 at 07:16 AM



“ Erin lit a candle in memory of Antonio Miner Mendiola



Erin - July 29 at 11:51 PM



“ Stately Lilies was purchased for the family of Antonio Miner Mendiola.



July 29 at 07:34 PM



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Jason Mendiola - July 29 at 12:48 PM



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“ Such great memories. <3

Erin - July 29 at 11:52 PM



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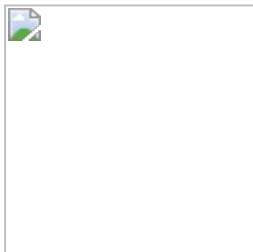
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