



Dr. Paul M. Laygo

May 8, 1930 - December 1, 2020

Paul Laygo, much beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and leader in the Filipino-American community, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 1, 2020. He was 90 years old.

Paul was born to Pablo and Elisea Laygo on May 8, 1930, in Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines. He married his sweetheart and beauty queen, Lois, on her birthday in 1951. He graduated from the University of the Philippines as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and moved to the United States to work as a veterinarian with the United States Department of Agriculture. He loved the United States.

He was very dedicated to the local Filipino American community and after he retired, he poured himself and his personal resources into community work. He and Lois sacrificed to secure the Fil-Am building in Fresno, known for civic, social and cultural events, and they became avid supporters of many Filipino clubs and activities. He was a proud Grand Night of the St. Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus Council. As world travelers, Paul and Lois influenced their children's love of exploration, art, enjoyment of the natural world, and human diversity. He also took pride in volunteerism as three of his children went into military service.

Paul was thoroughly devoted to the Catholic Faith, his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his many friends, and the Filipino community. The void he leaves behind will never be filled but his love will continue to thrive for generations.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Lois, daughter Estrella Parker, and son-in-law Dan O'Brien.

He leaves behind his children: Vickie Veen and her husband John, Lisa Nadeau and her husband Rick, Joseph Laygo and his wife Norma, Charles Laygo and his wife Lanie, Paul Anthony Laygo and his wife Patricia, son-in-law Henry Parker Sr., and his grandchildren: Shawn, Natasha, Henry Jr., Tiffany, Paul Jr., Sarah, Jonathan, Casey, Joseph Jr., Megan,

Charles Jr., Veronica, Amanda, Brittany, Stacy, Brandon; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

A Funeral Liturgy celebrated by Rev. Msgr. Patrick McCormick will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home at 9:00 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Due to CoVid restrictions, the family is asking everyone to attend via the zoom link provided below. There are tight restrictions in place due to the pandemic and Chapel of the Light is requesting for everyone to remain safe and healthy and please attend via zoom. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

ZOOM LINK FOR FUNERAL SERVICE:

Michael Rabara is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom honoring Dr. Paul Laygo Funeral Services

Time: Dec 11, 2020 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81505143744?pwd=MDk3S3hYVHYvalBndTN3bWV5TDVZdz09>

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Cemetery

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA, 93706

Events

DEC **Visitation** 08:30AM - 09:00AM

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Chapel of the Light Funeral Home
1620 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA, US, 93728

DEC **Funeral Liturgy** 09:00AM

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DEC **Committal** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ My condolences to the Laygo Family.

Alex Garcia - December 24, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Laygo family. Rest in peace Dr. Paul Laygo.

Susan & Godie Mendiola - December 14, 2020 at 02:17 AM



“ I've enjoyed our years of acquaintanceship and periodic sharing of food.

John Houlihan - December 11, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ Our Condolences to the Family.

Steve & Sharon Stallard - December 11, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Alex Garcia

Alex Garcia - December 24, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ Love you Dad, My role model, fishing partner when I was young and a father who was their too sacrifice for his family. He thought me to be a hard worker and be a family man. My Dad was proud of me when I joined the military and being an peace officer. He came from the old country (Philippines) to give us a better life in . I will miss you Dad. Joseph

joseph laygo - December 10, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ One of the kindest souls i have had the privilege to know for so many years. Uncle Paul will be greatly missed... I know he is happily reunited with his love, Auntie Lois, and family and friends who have gone before him, including my parents. May they all rest in peace.



Pamela Collado-Shinn - December 10, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul M. Laygo.



December 10, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Where do I begin? When reflecting on Mr. Laygo there are so many memories that fill my heart but I'll begin my very first encounter with him. It was on a warm summer day when he pulled up in his pick up (in the middle of the street) in front of his daughter Starr and Henry's new home on Knoll Street. Craig and I lived across from the Parkers on Sample.

He stood outside from quite awhile with his bags of vegetables he and Lous so carefully grew but after a few attempts at the door he glanced at us, walked across the street, introduced himself and handed us his goodies. I was leaving for mass and I mentioned that, and that's all he needed to know!! We were in the honorary Laygo family.

What an amazing couple they were. Pillars in their community they helped countless people in need through generosity in their club and church organizations. Things will not be quite the same with both of them gone now, but I know he is United in faith with his many loved ones that left before him. I will continue to watch over Henry, Shawn and Boo (Henry Jr.) as I always have and keep my memories of Lois and Dr Laygo close to heart. My condolences to the family.

Fondly,
Cheryl Love



cheryl love - December 09, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Rob Theller purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dr. Paul M. Laygo.



Rob Theller - December 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ I read my husband John’s remembrance of papa and it sparked my memories of his faith. I had a hard time keeping track of where he was sometimes. I couldn’t keep up with him in his BMW. What a lead foot! There was a time when his daily agenda included two masses at Saint Anthony’s followed up with one mass at Saint John’s. Some days he supplemented his mass regimen with more masses at Holy Spirit and Saint Agnes. He also watched masses on tv. He prayed rosaries when he was home. He kept track of the rosaries on his calendar with a Bingo stamp. If you dropped in to check on him, you had to pray the rosary with him because he wouldn’t stop for you. His life was immersed in his faith, or is it vice versa?

John mentioned the planned vacation to the Philippines. My sister Lisa and I and John wanted to go to the Philippines and we wanted it to be a special trip for papa. We wanted him to take us where he met our mama. It was in Baguio and from the pictures I’ve seen, they were young and beautiful. We also wanted to see where our ranches were located. He bought three small ranches that he named for his three young daughters. No clue what he gave to our brothers but they were still babies. I also wanted to see a famous Pacific sunset in Manila Bay while huddled with our papa. We had to cancel that trip because papa had a health issue on the night before our flight. He was in the hospital for a while and more health problems followed so we never had the chance to take him to the Philippines.

My next memory shows how much we worried about papa. His driver’s license needed to be renewed and he had to take a road test. We took him to the DMV so he could relax. We were sure he was going to fail. We decided to follow him during his test and back to the DMV. Boy where we surprised. He passed his test easily!

I love you papa.

Vickie

Sent from my iPhone

Victoria Veen - December 08, 2020 at 11:39 PM



“ Paul and Lois Laygo (“Papa and Mama”) warmly welcomed me into their home as soon as I arrived in Fresno, even before their daughter Vickie and I were married. Initially I tried to call them by their first names but they wouldn’t have it. Papa, Mama, I miss you both.

When my own dad died, Papa said to me “Now I’m the only father you have left!” He was kind and sympathetic.

I think of him as a very social person. I was always impressed by how many organizations he was a part of. Where did he find the energy? He even ran for Congress once.

I think of him as a classy guy, and very dapper. He really knew how to put together an outfit. He had very good taste in clothes and cars and food and sports teams. And he loved to chuckle and laugh.

He was fiercely proud of his Filipino heritage. At one point we were supposed to travel with him to the Philippines. We were so looking forward to taking that trip with him and relying on him as tour guide and history instructor, but we had to cancel due to illness.

In his later years he struck me as the most devout Catholic I had ever met. There was a time when he went to church several times each day.

Mostly I think of his gentle smile. He had the face of a child sometimes, or a happy monk. Just look at his photos!

Goodbye papa, rest in peace. — John (and Vickie) Veen

John Veen - December 08, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul M. Laygo.



December 08, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brittany Laygo - December 08, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ 58 files added to the tribute wall



Brittany Laygo - December 08, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Since I met him 35 years ago, Papa did his best to show his love and I know without a doubt he always prayed for me and our family. He was kind, gentle and full of life. Always on his way to accomplish some task or to pick up a poster sized photo from the nearest 1-hour photo and so anxious to show anyone who would take the time to look at them. He loved his wife and even after 50 years would have given anything for more time with her. We should all be influenced by the kind of man he was. He loved life, his faith, his Community, his wife and he loved his family even when all of those things weren't always perfect. He never gave up on any of them. The tragedies this family has endured this year have been almost unbearable but I know without a doubt Papa is still loving us, praying for us and is so happy to be with Mama again.
Tony and Patricia Laygo

Patricia Laygo - December 08, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ I would like to express my family's deepest sympathy and condolences to the whole family of my Kumpare. My family will always remember Dr. Laygo who I have always known as Pabling. To the whole family, I wish you all good health, peace, joy and prosperity through the years to come. You have a great father. And I am sure your Dad is now enjoying an everlasting Life.

Cecilio T. and Anita S. Felix

Cecilio T. Felix - December 15, 2020 at 09:49 PM