



Asterio Damasco Quitariano

August 25, 1918 - March 5, 2015

Asterio Damasco Quitariano was born to Pascual and Leona Quitariano on August 25, 1918 in Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines and passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on March 5, 2015 at the age of 96.

Asterio served in the United States Army during WWII. After the fall of the Bataan Peninsula on April 9, 1942, when the U.S. surrendered to the Japanese on the main Philippine island of Luzon at the beginning of World War II, approximately 75,000 Filipino and American troops were forced to make an arduous 65-mile march to prison camps. The marchers made the trek in intense heat and were subjected to harsh treatment by the Japanese guards. Thousands perished in what became known as the Bataan Death March. Asterio was a valiant survivor of this infamous atrocity. For his service, Asterio Quitariano was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Philippine Defense Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, and the American Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star.

Upon completion of his military service he married his first wife, Alejandria Quitariano. In 1958, Asterio immigrated to the United States to help his brother with his strawberry farm. To support his family in the Philippines, he took a job as a typewriter mechanic at the Fresno Office Machine Company

during the week, and on his days off he worked at the local farms picking grapes. On July 14, 1964, he finally was reunited with his wife and their six children. Asterio was a former member of the Legionarios Del Trabajo in America - Worshipful Anchor Lodge No. 626.

Mr. Quitariano is preceded in death by his first wife, Alejandria Quitariano; his son Roy Quitariano; his siblings, Mike Quitariano, Candelario "Larry" Quitariano, and Maximina Quiris.

Asterio is survived by his wife, Amparo Quitariano; his children Lydia Asistin and her husband Albert, Leona Marquez and her husband Severino, Cynthia Orpilla and her husband George, Roy's wife Izusu, Nick Quitariano and his wife Gloria, and Cesar Quitariano and his wife Liza; an adopted daughter, Sheila Q. Sterie and her husband George; 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He also leaves his half-siblings Florencio Quitariano, Francisco Quitariano, Panfilo Quitariano, Lina Q. Ragsac, Norma Q. Lazo and Benigno Quitariano and a host of extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 13, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A Vigil Service will be held at Chapel of the Light on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Fresno Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Fresno Memorial Gardens

175 S. Cornelia Avenue
Fresno, CA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
michael@chapelofthelight.com
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
michael@chapelofthelight.com
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Vigil Service

MAR 13. 7:00 PM (PT)

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

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. John's Cathedral
2814 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Asterio Damasco Quitariano*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 13, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ *Asterio Damasco Quitariano*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *CONDOLENCE TO THE WHOLE FAMILY! May you REST IN PEACE Lolo.
From The Acena Allagadan*

Lenie - March 13, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ *Fely Quinot and Family purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Asterio Damasco Quitariano.*



Fely Quinot and Family - March 13, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Asterio Damasco Quitariano.*



March 12, 2015 at 05:48 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Asterio Damasco Quitariano.*



March 12, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Asterio Damasco Quitariano.*



March 12, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“ *Jose and April Oseguera purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Asterio Damasco Quitariano.*



Jose and April Oseguera - March 12, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Asterio Damasco Quitariano.*



March 10, 2015 at 03:20 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Asterio Damasco Quitariano.*



March 10, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the late Ninong Terry especially to Ninang Ampy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you..May he rest in peace.*

Francis Tubon - March 09, 2015 at 04:51 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Uncle Asterio's family. I remember him as a kind,friendly and loving man. He was such a good family man. With love and sadness, Anna Quitariano Lane (Pio Quitariano's daughter)*

Anna Quitarinao Lane - March 08, 2015 at 11:53 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Many blessings. Janie Rafanan Petilla*

Janie Rafana Petilla - March 08, 2015 at 05:42 PM

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“ We your siblings (Florencio Quitariano, Frank Quitariano, Panfilo Quitariano, Benigno Quitariano, Lina Q. Ragsac and Norma Q. Lazo} will miss you manong. We thank you so much for your love and kindness. May your soul rest in peace manong.

Lina Q. Ragsac - March 08, 2015 at 01:13 PM

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“ The Asistin Muzzio Family lit a candle in memory of Asterio Damasco Quitariano



The Asistin Muzzio Family - March 07, 2015 at 01:52 PM