



Charles Paul Mati Laygo Sr.

October 2, 1961 - December 18, 2020

Charles Laygo Sr., a loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Friday, December 18, 2020 at the age of 59. Charlie was born on October 2, 1961 in Manila, Philippines to Dr. Paul and Lois Laygo. In 1963 he came to the United States with his family. It wasn't until 1974 that Charlie moved to Fresno and laid down roots. He graduated from Fresno State with a Bachelor's degree in Business-Finance and while attending school he met his sweetheart, Laniebelle Martinez. They eventually wed on the day of Love, February 14, 1987 and had four children. As a young adolescent Charlie loved to skateboard with his brothers around local spots in Fresno. At one point they were locally sponsored skateboard competitors. Later in life his hobbies included being an automotive enthusiast. He was passionate about different vehicles and loved to try them out. He enjoyed visiting the coast and loved watching the sun rise and set whenever he could. Charlie was a hardworking dedicated man. He was a 20 Year Veteran of the Fresno County Probation Department who began his career in 1999. He worked as a Juvenile Correctional Officer and dedicated his life to working with at-risk youth. We remember him as an easygoing, funny, kind hearted man who will be greatly missed. One of his greatest wishes was that he wanted his children to experience as much as they could growing up. He will forever be in our hearts. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Lois Laygo, his sister Estrella Parker, father-in-law Ernesto Martinez, and brother-in law Dan O'Brien. He is survived by his wife Laniebelle; his four children: Jonathan,

Charles Jr., Amanda, and Brandon; and his two grandchildren Hayden and Conrad.

Due to Corona Virus, we ask those attending to be responsible and maintain a safe social distance. Masks are a requirement. Please contact the family for restrictions and information. We will be enforcing a limit of guest to attend so if you are unable to attend, please join the service via zoom here at the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4080136150?pwd=bWVwMXFOYUd6bFZhd0lweCsvSmpaUT09#success>

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Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 2. 1:30 PM (PT)

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Funeral Liturgy

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Paul Mati Laygo Sr.*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM

WV

“ My memory of Charlie that I want to share is during the time that he was our dad’s caregiver. My parents had three girls followed by three boys. Charlie was the middle son, like our dad. They were close. Our dad had an easy relationship with Charlie. They both had big hearts and loved people. Their favorite thing was getting together around a table and eating and talking. A couple of years after our mom died, our dad was diagnosed with dementia. As we became more aware that our dad had severe health issues, Charlie and Lanie were thinking about how he was going to make it alone in his house. He was already in his late eighties and he didn’t want to move to a care home. Charlie expressed interest in helping him but it meant a lot of sacrifice because he still needed to work full-time to support his family. Charlie thought and struggled about the demands of being a caregiver. Eventually his big heart relented and he moved his family and household to our dad’s house. His other job was working at the Fresno County Probation Department with at-risk youth. He had a big heart too for those kids and co-workers and found comfort at work after being with our dad all day. As luck would have it, Charlie worked grave shift and Lanie days so someone was always home to take care of our dad. Charlie sacrificed the time he would normally have for his three sons and daughter and two grandchildren. The arrangement worked pretty well for almost three years until Covid spread deeply in the Central Valley. Charlie got Covid. While Charlie was fighting for his life in the ICU, our dad passed away at home. It was so sad they didn’t know what was happening and they weren’t able to say their thank yous and goodbyes to anyone. This sadness has become our life now. Our dad died on December 1 and Charlie on December 18. They will be forever linked. We are so grateful to Charlie and Lanie for taking care of our dad, making sure he went to his appointments, giving him his medication everyday, taking him to church, and keeping him healthy, clean, and fed. Our dad is grateful for their care, compassion, companionship, and love during his final years.

Vickie and John Veen

Vickie Veen - January 01, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Amanda Rathjens - December 31, 2020 at 08:30 PM

HP

“ *Henry Parker*

I remember, when I would drive by the house, on Saturday's and Charlie would be washing his car, doing yard work or sitting outside. I would stop by and visit. Charlie, would talk about retiring and traveling, One of his bucket list trips, was a road trip with his Dad to Arizona, to visit his sister, we talked about cars, having the house renovated. We would go to Charlie's favorite take out restaurant, Honolulu BBQ to get lunch. I will miss those special moments with Charlie. He will truly be missed. I miss you Brother.

Henry Parker - December 31, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JL

“ Not has gone by where I haven't stopped thinking of you. I love and miss you so much. I promise you I'll make you proud as a son and as a watch commander. You showed me how grind. How work hard and provide the best for my family. How to be a good dad. Thank you for everything you did for us. You will always be in our hearts.



jonthan laygo - December 31, 2020 at 01:07 PM

Dra Sam

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dra Sam - December 31, 2020 at 02:57 AM

Dra
Sam

“ *Our deepest Condolences to my dearest Laygo Family. You're all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Charles and Lanie are great friends all the way back in our college days. Charles and Lanie are godparents to my son. We are so heart broken to hear of Charles passing. I will always treasure the fun memories and a true friendship I have with him. Even though we havent seen him in a quite awhile, facebook keep us in contact. Charles great personality, the most humble person i've known, his handsome smile will be missed by many...

May the eternal soul rest in peace and let the perpetual light shine upon him... it's not a goodbye. It's see you later my cumpadre!

Lanie, cumadre, i am just a phone call away if you need me!



Dra Sam - December 31, 2020 at 02:54 AM

LN

“ *I found this sweet video of my brother sharing a song with me. Charlie was so easy going. He looked so happy to share this song. Eye in the Sky by the Allen Parson's Project.*



Lisa Nadeau - December 30, 2020 at 12:10 AM

LN

Thank you so much Chapel of the Light for allowing me to share this video.

Lisa Nadeau - December 30, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles Paul Mati Laygo Sr..*



December 29, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences... Charles was one of the kindest people we've had the privilege of knowing. Although we didn't see each other often, our families were close enough that we never felt out of touch.*

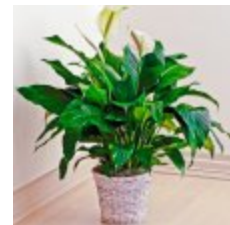
Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time.



Pamela Collado-Shinn - December 29, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *Rob Theller purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Charles Paul Mati Laygo Sr..*



Rob Theller - December 29, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles Paul Mati Laygo Sr..*



December 28, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *I love you nephew be strong I will miss my younger brother and best friend. He and I was very proud of you in following his footsteps in law enforcement. His motto was dedication and sacrifice. He loved his family and worked hard to provide for his family. He was a role model and leader too his family, the community and enjoyed counseling high risk youths at juvenile justices campus . Probation was his second family. You will carry your father torch and be the role model for your family. I will miss my brother and best friend. Love you , uncle Joe*

Joseph Laygo - December 28, 2020 at 09:40 PM



Although it's been almost 40 years since I've seen Charles, he and Lanie have always been a part of my life. They attended my wedding there in Fresno and are the God Parents to my son Bobby. Charles will forever be in my heart and wonderful thoughts of the past. God rest his soul and bless his family.

Robert

Robert Schenck - January 01, 2021 at 10:51 AM



It's September 21, 2023. Mama's day of passing and for whatever reason when I opened my phone, your obituary is on my screen. I read everyone's comments and wanted to leave you this. All is well. You seemed to be the glue like Strell, in the family. I miss our gatherings. We miss you very much. Until we meet again.

Lisa Nadeau - September 21, 2023 at 04:26 PM