



Sam James-Ross Antonio Calaguas

October 23, 1935 - March 11, 2016

Sam Calaguas was born in Pampanga, Philippines on October 23, 1935 and passed away, after a valiant battle with cancer, on March 11, 2016 in Fresno, California. He was 80.

Sam graduated with a Bachelors in Finance and was an accountant for many years in the Philippines. He was a devout person of faith with a deep love of Christ. Sam was the President of the Santo Nino prayer group, a Board of Director for the Pangasinan Association, a member of the Northwest II rosary group, a member of the Fruit of the Vine Choir, a member of the Filipino Catholic League and many other organizations.

Sam is survived by his wife, Marissa; his children Reynaldo Calaguas and his wife Myline of Vancouver, Canada and Samantha Calaguas of Fresno. He also has one grandson and many more family members and friends here in the US and in the Philippines.

Viewing will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A vigil service will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel by Rev. Father Joel Davadilla.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father Alex Ignacio at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Sam will be flown to the Philippines where he will be laid to rest in Maglang Memorial Park in Angeles, Pampanga, Philippines.

Cemetery Details

Magalang Memorial Park

Magalang (PH)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
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Vigil Service

MAR 17. 6:00 PM (PT)

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

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart
2140 N N Cedar Ave
Fresno, CA 93703

Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Sam James-Ross Antonio Calaguas*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 17, 2016 at 09:00 PM

RC

Life Tributes memorial video.

Reynaldo Calaguas - March 18, 2016 at 07:12 PM

DB

Uncle Sam , I will miss you a lot. You were nice to me all the time. You fed me a lot with your good foods. You are a good friend, a father figure to me and an angel to me. May you rest in peace. Love you very much, David Boling

David Boling - March 23, 2016 at 01:42 PM

RC

*Dad's One Year Death Anniversary.
God has you in his arms and I have you in my heart.
Rest In Peace Dad.
Still missing and loving you Dad.*

reynaldo calaguas - March 11, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *Sam James-Ross Antonio Calaguas*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM

CG

“ My dear uncle Sam, So glad that I was able to spend the last week of 2015 with you in California and was privileged with the opportunity to catch up all the years we have missed. (Treasured Moments) Knowing the prognosis was not all favorable to your advantage, you offered it all to GOD, put on a brave fight and refused to give in till the last moment. It is that courage you showed that inspires us all to continue our own missions in life. You left a big void in our hearts that will only be filled by your fond memories. I can not thank you enough for what you done to me and my family, your are the biggest reason where we are now!!! There is no doubt in my mind that right now, you already are interceding for us in Heaven, for I know that it is your utmost desire for us to do well in the presence of GOD. We love and miss you so much...



Love and Prayers, Cezar and Family

Cezar Galang - April 12, 2016 at 12:52 AM

RC

“ *It's time to say good-bye. Insite of the fact that my Dad lived in California, there were a lot of friends, family and relatives that came to my Dad's final resting place. Thank you all for your love and support to my Dad and to our family. Good-bye Dad. I love so much and miss you so much . Thank you Dad for your love, for your guidance and all the memories. Rest in peace Dad.*



reynaldo calaguas - April 11, 2016 at 04:21 AM

BB

“ *Sam, May you rest in peace my dear best friend. Thank you for our good memories. I will always remember your goodness to me and David and all our friends.
To Marissa and Samantha we will always be here for you.
Love you much,
Bien Boling*

Bien Boling - March 23, 2016 at 01:25 PM



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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 17, 2016 at 08:03 PM



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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 17, 2016 at 05:07 PM



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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 17, 2016 at 03:43 PM



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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 17, 2016 at 01:10 PM



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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - March 17, 2016 at 10:42 AM

SW

Sam, I will miss you a lot my dear best friend forever (BFF) for 20 years. Thank you so much for treating me and our friends so special. I will always remember the days when we used to come to your house many times, you and Marissa cooked a lot of foods for us. You fed us a lot and you were very happy to see us eating with much appetite. Then you gave us left overs to take home so we don't have to cook the next day or two.

I will always remember the day when Marissa gave birth to Samantha, you called me and I rushed to the hospital so I could pray with you, when you moved to your new home in Browning from Barstow and when we had outings in Moro Bay, Lake Tahoe and other places.

We had a lot of fun memories together in your home and with our outings. Thank you Sam for all good deeds and tireless endeavors and for everything you did being one of the leaders of our Santo Nino Miracle Crusade for so many years and for your significant contributions to the Filipino Catholic League and also for attending our FCL Meetings. Thank you also for always helping us with the preparation and celebration every Feast of The Holy Rosary of which you were also an active member for more than 20 years. As a close friend, I discovered that your heart was beautiful and most of your goodness were invisible because of your simplicity.

Some did not see it and may have misunderstood but i know that your intention was honest and pure and always to glorify God.

Sam, you will be always forever in my heart, in my thoughts and in my prayers and I will always pray for your family, (Marissa, Samantha (my goddaughter) Rey, Gerard and Myline)

To Marissa, Samantha, Ate Mely and family, thank you for treating me like a family to you. You and my other close friends are also like a family to me being away from my own family so many thousand miles away.

To Rey, Gerard and Myline thank you for your kind welcome and a warm heart and for inviting me to you home in Canada. I will try to visit you someday with God's will.

To Michael Rabara, General Manager/Director, Chapel of the Light Funeral Home and all staff Stephanie, Thelma Rox, Wilson and others, thank you so much for a beautiful Funeral Service, Excellent Video Tribute Production and for all assistance. Job well done. Everything was well orchestrated !

To the Fruit Of The Vine Choir, you were singing with Sam and the angels. It was beautiful and great !

To all priests who offered Prayers and Masses for Sam, Father Alex,

Father Tim, Father Joel, Father Dhoy, Father Reggie, thank you very much.

To all friends and family and to you all who extended a helping hand, offered prayers and who showed love and support to the Calaguas and Aquino family, thank you very much.

On behalf of Marissa, Samantha, Rey, Gerard, Myline and Ate Mely (Dr. Eliazo) and family, my special thanks to you all.

May our dear beloved Servando Sam Calaguas and all souls of thy faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

*God bless us all,
Sally C. Wee*

Sally Wee - March 19, 2016 at 02:06 AM

BB

#Good job Sally

Bien Boling - March 23, 2016 at 01:33 PM

RC

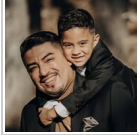
Thank you so much Ate Sally for being their for my Dad and being a very good friend of the family.

reynaldo calaguas - April 11, 2016 at 04:14 AM

FJ

“*Sam was a very devout and religious person and touched the hearts of many by his being compassionate to everyone he helped. I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to Sam's family. Rest assured I will keep him in my prayers and masses for the repose of his soul. I offer a special prayer for God's consolation as well to Marisa and family at this difficult time of Sam's passing..... May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

fr joel - March 14, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Marissa and the family during this time. Sam was a great guy, always so kind to me and my staff when the choir sang at our funerals. His passing will be missed here on earth, but the heavens have a new angel as part of their heavenly choir.*

*Michael Rabara, General Manager
and Staff of Chapel of the Light Funeral Home*

Michael Rabara - March 11, 2016 at 04:19 PM

AC

Our deepest sympathy to Marissa and family. We lost a good person! I'm glad I was able to visit him with Dr Lydia Favor last Sunday! May he rest in peace!

Annie and Larry Camiling

annie b camiling - March 11, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ *My family will never forget how friendly you were Sam. There's never a time you miss to say hi and give me and my sister Edna a high five whenever we see each other. You will be missed terribly my friend. My husband Salvador and I will pray for the repose of your soul and may you rest in peace. We also will pray for your family specially, your children and wife, Marissa. God bless your soul Sam. Good bye. Marlowe Mendones Navarro.*

Oiram Nava - March 11, 2016 at 12:52 PM