



Richard Franco Madrid

February 17, 1929 - November 15, 2018

Richard Madrid, born February 17, 1929, rejoined the love of his life, Dianne, on November 15, 2018.

Richard was born in Scottsdale Arizona to his parents, Angel Ruiz Madrid and Josefine Franco Madrid. He was one of 8 children. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Joseph and David, and his sister Eleanor Bailey, as well as his son Angelo Madrid and daughter Margee. He is survived by his sister, Rose Trifiletti, brothers Michael and Bob (Robert) Madrid and his sister Mary Ann Coons.

Richard is also survived by his children, Roderick Madrid, Bob (Robert) Morgan and Donna LaJoie along with their spouses. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Richard joined the US Army at the age of 17 where he served for four years. When he got out of the Army, he wasn't sure what to do with himself, so he "went across the street and joined the Navy" where he served for several years. Richard was active Military at the end of World War II, and also during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. When Richard retired after 20 years in the Navy, he continued serving his country, becoming a Civil Service Firefighter and serving at Alameda Naval Air Station and Mare Island Naval Shipyard where he ultimately became a Fire Inspector. Richard retired from

Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, in April of 1988.

Richard lived many places but settled in the community of American Canyon in the late 1960's, where he was very involved in his community and helped to establish the local paper (The Echo), which has since been replaced by the American Canyon Eagle. He was involved in many local organizations in and around Vallejo, including the Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, The American Legion, Sons of Italy, and The Lions, among others.

In 2000 Richard and Dianne left American Canyon and moved to the town of Orange Cove where they were going to "retire" and "relax". They soon realized that relaxation was not something they were good at and once again became very involved. Richard served on the town council and became very well known in and around Orange Cove, and once again enjoyed being an active member of the community.

Beloved by his family and many friends, Richard passed away peacefully on November 15, 2018 in Fresno. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace, Richard!

Private services will be held for the family. A celebration of Richards life will be held at the American Legion Hall in Orange Cove on Friday, April 12th from 2-5PM. Condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

American Legion Hall
507 Center St.
Orange Cove, CA 93646

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I met Richard while attending advanced jet engine (B) maintenance school at Naval Aviation Technical Training Command at Millington Tennessee. He was a bit senior to me and I was a bit arrogant to him (I am sure). Richard was two classes ahead of me and we were billeted in the same barracks. One day after class when I came into the barracks, Richard was sitting at a table studying, when I tossed my books the bunk and started getting ready to hit the town. He looked at me and said "mister you had better take this training serious and start studying". I looked at him and said "mister you better get ready and go to town with me". He did and that was the beginning of a long friendship. We saw as much of Tennessee and lower Illinois as we could on the time we had free. The Navy generally doesn't let you keep friends and after Madrid graduated he was shipped off to a west coast Attack Squadron (Lemoore). Good-bye friend. Surprise, a month later I graduated and was sent to a west coast Attack Squadron at Lemoore (not the same one). We met up shortly after I arrived at Lemoore and the good times started right where they left off and continued throughout the many years. There is too much history between us to relate here, suffice it to say "He is a most interesting man". Now that he has taken his final assignment, I say "Good-bye Friend". I will miss him and remember him. Maybe there is another surprise in the future.

John Cranmer, Capt. USN Ret.

john cranmer - January 18, 2019 at 12:56 PM

PC

“ So very sad to learn of Rich's passing. I only worked with him for a short span (June, 1984 to August, 1985) while with Mare Island Fire Dept., but considered him a friend. His personality, approachability, knowledge, and love of the Fire Service were assets extremely helpful to me as I pursued this career. My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go out to Richard's family. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. Respectfully and Fraternally, Capt. Paul Clark, Sacramento Fire Dept.(ret.).

Paul J Clark - December 06, 2018 at 02:58 AM

CP

“ Richard and I worked together for several years at the Mare Island Fire Department. He was a very caring and kind person. Condolences to his family, he will be missed!!
Cleo & Carolyn Patterson



Cleo Patterson - December 05, 2018 at 07:37 PM