



VINCENT FRANK BUTERO SR.

OCTOBER 9, 1922 - APRIL 13, 2015

"They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them" REVELATIONS 14:13

Vincent Frank Butero Sr. was born October 9, 1922, in San Jose to Gilorma and Samuel Butero. He passed away April 13, 2015, at Doctors Medical Center in Modesto.

Vince spent his youth in San Jose with his 5 siblings, Tony, Joe, Frank, Angie and Teresa. In his younger years, he was an incredible acrobat. He was able to do cartwheels and back flips until his mid-70s when his children asked him to please stop for fear that he would get hurt.

Vince married Evangeline Butero in July of 1944 while he was on leave from the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served as a Bosun's Mate on the USS Skagit.

After the war, Vince and Jean lived in San Jose, where Vince worked as an automotive painter. Vince could usually be found in the back yard or in the garage, where he would stash wine and the olives, garlic and peppers which he loved to

share with all who came over to visit.

Vince helped to start the Milpitas Veterans Club, and was its last surviving member. The City of Milpitas honored the group for their military and civic service by naming streets after Vince and other members of the club. He also remained in contact with his fellow shipmates from the USS Skagit, attending ship reunions.

He loved to go fishing and scuba diving; and spending time with his family on trips to the ocean and around California. He was also an avid San Francisco 49ers fan.

Vince loved to tinker with things, and was a big jokester - making people laugh made him happy.

Vince and Jean moved to Gustine in 2004. They continued taking day trips, or driving to see their children and grandchildren.

His grandchildren were his biggest joy. He became "Papa" to all the little ones, and love spending time with them.

Vince is survived by his children, Linda Butero and her husband Jan De Vocht of Discovery Bay; Barbara "Bobbie" Brusseau and her husband Duane of San Jose; and Vince Butero II and his wife Toni of Gustine; his grandchildren Michael Brusseau and his partner Sue Thomalson, Leanne Randall and her husband Sean, Chris Brusseau and his wife Sherri, Andrea Barone and her husband Brian, Vince Butero III and his wife Angela, Sarah Butero, Joe Butero and Samuel Butero; his great-grandchildren, Vince Butero IV, Desmond Butero, Olivia Brusseau, Noah Barone, Allison Barone, Clara Barone and Brett Randall; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Evangeline, his parents and siblings.

Services were held Wednesday at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

Hillview Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.