



Phillip O. Rodriguez

August 26, 1941 - February 23, 2015

Phillip “Rocky” Rodriguez passed away on February 23, 2015 after four years of ongoing heart problems. His family was with him throughout his final days and are very thankful that he was alert and communicating up until the end.

His mother Martina, his father Joe, and his brother Joe, along with numerous uncles, aunts and cousins predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen, his son, Phillip Anthony, his daughter Carren, grandchildren Jessica, Danielle, Lisa, Kelsey, Matt and Sophia. And, also his brother Lencho, sisters Pat and Gloria and numerous cousins.

He was born in Los Angeles and later the family moved to Norwalk where he attended Excelsior High School. He joined the Marines in 1958 and served until 1962. He worked for General Motors after his discharge then went into the barber business around 1967 and worked at this profession up to the day he went into the hospital. He loved his job and interacting with his customers who became some of his closest friends. He was the person everyone could count on to lend a helping hand...that was probably one of his great joys. He enjoyed talking with people which would invariably lead to his telling stories of

spending summers at his grandparents home in Corona, his military experience or sharing any other part of his life. He was one of the good guys and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I always looked forward to seeing Rocky on my monthly visits to the hair salon. I've been going to him for over 30 years. I will miss him. My heart goes out to his family as he was one of a kind.

David Kochems - April 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I met Rocky when I was 20, back in 1972, going for a haircut when he was just 5 years into his new profession. I stayed with Rocky .. for 42 years. I last saw him early February, for a haircut and our usual chat. We were friends. We shared stories throughout our lives, weathered good times and bad, and I'm in tears to think I'll never again hear him exclaim "Harry James!" after the 40's bandleader when I'd walk in the door. My deepest condolences to Rocky's family and friends. Yes, as his memorial attests, he was indeed one of the good guys. Though he had shared his health challenges with me, and I knew it was difficult, I always thought I'd see him again. I'm in tears. I can't believe you're gone, Rocky. You were the best. Semper Fi.

Harry Stinnett - April 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I first met Rocky as a little girl. He cut my family's hair for years and was also the cause of my many large hairdos in all my school pictures. He was always so friendly and a jokester and was always there to help if you needed. Please accept my deepest condolences to your family.

Chiyomi Mametsuka - March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ I knew Rocky since I was a little girl. He worked in the same shopping center where my mother worked and I remember visiting and chatting with him often. My entire family, including my husband and son had Rocky's haircuts at some point. To Rocky's family...you are in our thoughts and in our hearts. We will miss Rocky.

Nami Kusunose - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ "Rocky" as my family use to call him was my first cousin and a delightful person! He use to share family stories with us and quite interesting I might add. He will be truly missed since he was like a brother to us all. Our condolences to his wife and family. You will always have a special place in our hearts, Rocky.

Terry Quinlin - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM