



Melvin M. "Ugie PM" Ugalde, 78

Longtime resident of Sierra Vista, AZ, passed away on June 22, 2017 at Tucson, Arizona.

Melvin was born on September 21, 1938 in Kulana Kii, HI to Valentino and Georgiana (Piliwale) Ugalde.

He proudly served for over 20 years in the United State Army.



After his retirement from the army he worked civil service, in Army Intelligence and Signal Engineering.



Mel was a very active member of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Arizona.

He was the Master of:

Camp Stone Lodge, № 77, F&AM in 1986, and the Master of **Huachuca Lodge, № 53, F&AM** in 1989.

Mel was very active in the York Rite Masonic bodies of Sierra Vista.

He had been a High Priest of the **Royal Arch Masons**, an Illustrious Master of the **Royal and Select Masters**, and Commander of the Order of **Knights Templar**.



He was a member of the **Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH)**, which is one of the highest honors, afforded a York Rite Mason.

Mel was also a **Shriner** and a member of the Sabbar Shrine Temple in Tucson.

Over the years Mel was very active in the local Masonic youth groups, the Order of **DeMolay** for boys, and the International Order of the **Rainbow** for girls.



He was a member of the **Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065** for over 30 years. He loved to cook for others and many of the Elk members remember his Hawaiian Luaus back in the 80s and 90s. He loved golf, playing mentoring and coaching whenever he got the chance too. He loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, hunting and helping others whenever he could. He had a selfless soul and loved beyond measure.



He is survived by his children; Evamarie Ugalde, Karen Chitwood and Mark Ugalde; grandchildren; Charles Ray Ugalde, Patience Chitwood, Crystal Jones and Chitwood. great grandchildren; Kale Alii and Isach Ugalde; siblings; Alice Eguchi, Joseph Ugalde, Mildred Arakaki, Edward Ugalde, Kapuanani and Pualani, Arthur Ugalde. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Bernard Sr. Valentino Jr. and Ethel Plummer.

Memorial services with military honors will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 11:00 am at Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Buffalo Soldier Trail. The family ask that donations be made to local **DeMolay**, **Rainbow** Girls and/or **Shriner's Hospital**.



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Posted by **Evamarie Ugalde**

My Father said, "I am doing this for my kids."

My father was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer after being admitted to St Joseph's hospital 4 months ago. Dr. told us that the cancer had metastasized into some of his bones. Prognosis was not good. That dad may not much time. The Oncologist also said there was treatment available but dad would need to gain strength and weight before he could begin treatment for the cancer to help prepare dad for chemo.

Dad decided to begin such treatments and agreed to a PEG tube to help him get some nutrition. Dad had stopped eating for the lack of appetite and/or interest no matter how hard he tried. Tasting food and then swallowing the food became very taxing for him. We all know how much he loved to eat.

Dad had been battling cancer for the past months to the point of suffering. Many hospital stays, blood transfusions, tests, and many other procedures to assist his healing. Dad put up a great fight, beyond that of his own pain and suffering. He was giving it his all.

My father, Melvin M Ugalde, gave himself for the good of his family for as long as he could until God finally said it was time. Dad was given reassurance that all-will-be-ok, that it is okay to go home if he was ready.

I know when he finally made peace within himself, I let him know that I was at peace with his going home.

I am just glad that Dad went out on his terms and his decision. I know he was not alone. I also know he went to be with the Lord. I am at peace knowing this above all the rest. My father and I had bonded in the last few months.

My Father hung in there for as long as he could for the love of his children. His Children who were praying and were holding on in the hopes of a recovery.

Daddy, Thank you for your love and trust in me. I am happy to know you are with Jesus and with our ancestors who have passed before you. We will be together again one day. Praise You Lord for the time you gave me and my Father.

Melvin Maluo Ugalde

09/21/1938 – 06/22/2017

