



Geminiano Ramos Bulos

September 17, 1936 - July 18, 2023

Geminiano Ramos Bulos, 86, of Upland CA, and Las Vegas NV, passed away on July 18, 2023, surrounded by his family, at the Loma Linda VA Medical Center. He was born on September 17th, during the great typhoon of 1936, to Alberto Baltazar Bulos and Raymunda Perez Ramos Bulos in Apalit, Pampanga, Philippines, the youngest of their seven children.

Of all his achievements, what filled Geminiano with the most pride and joy was his service in the U.S. Navy. It provided him with opportunities he could never have imagined as a child surviving war and famine: he ate well, traveled the world, received an education, and felt a sense of belonging and higher purpose.

Geminiano started applying to the U.S. Navy while still in high school. At the time, the United States and the Philippines had agreed to allow the U.S. Navy to increase recruitment of Filipino citizens to 2000 a year. Exhibiting his determined and indefatigable spirit early on, Geminiano launched a personal letter writing campaign to U.S. Navy personnel to be one of those 2000. After two years of writing letters, the last of which was addressed to an admiral, he finally received a “call card” to report for preliminary testing.

Without informing his mother or siblings, Geminiano left college and enlisted at the E1 rank, Seaman Recruit. Like the majority of Filipino recruits, he

served as a steward initially, cooking and serving food. Showing resourcefulness and ingenuity, he soon climbed in rank, becoming an Engineman 2nd class while assigned to the AFDM-8, an auxiliary floating drydock for submarines based in Guam. (It was here that he and his good friend and shipmate, Al Estacio, met and courted their future wives, Julita and Sally, then young nurses.)

For most of his active duty years Geminiano was assigned to Submarine Service, working on the USS Bluegill, USS Batfish, USS Gudgeon, USS Sabalo, and USS Harder. Most significantly, he was assigned to the USS Trieste as part of the elite Deep Submergence Group, which was tasked with extending the capabilities of submarines to operate, research and rescue at any depth. He was one of 200 sailors selected to attend the Deep Submergence School in San Diego, CA, where they trained in all operational phases of the USS Trieste, the deep diving research bathyscaphe famous for descending to the ocean floor at the deepest part of the Mariana Trench.

Devotion to his wife and children led Geminiano to retire early from active duty (at 18 years 10 months), but because of his hazard duty, he was able to still receive all the benefits of twenty years active service. He retired at the rank of Engineman Chief Petty Officer with the title of refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanic. He continued on with reserve duty and then retired fully from the Navy in 1987, after thirty years of service.

Forever determined and indefatigable, Geminiano continued to work after the Navy. He even returned to school and received an AA degree in refrigeration and air-conditioning, eventually retiring in that field. His last job was as at the Valley Fair Mall in Santa Clara, CA, where he independently managed all the refrigeration and air-conditioning systems. Again showing resourcefulness and ingenuity, he reconfigured their systems to run so much more efficiently that he saved the mall \$10,000 a month, enabling them to give everyone bonuses

that year.

Geminiano continued to travel the world by sea, cruising with his beloved wife, Julita, on the Royal Caribbean as Platinum members.

Geminiano was predeceased by all his siblings, but is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Julita Bulos; his four children, Maria Jessica Bulos (and spouse, Lorraine Escuro), Michelle Bulos, Gemma Bulos and Burt Bulos; his oldest Navy friend, Al Estacio; and his brother submariners of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Las Vegas Base 51.

The family would like to thank the medical staff at the Loma Linda VA Medical Center, especially those in the ER and ICU, for the extraordinary care Geminiano received since transferring there late last year. We will be eternally grateful for the respectful and generous way in which they served him in his final days. Thanks also to the Inland Empire Caregiver Resource Center for the assistance they provided in his final months, and will continue to provide for his wife, Julita. And lastly, we would like to thank the Bonfish Base Submarine Veterans of Redlands for honoring Geminiano with the Seven Bells salute.

All services will take place in Riverside, CA. Viewings are on August 15th and 16th, 4:00 - 8:00 PM (6:00 tributes; 7:00 rosary), at Preston & Simons Mortuary, 3358 Mission Inn Ave. Funeral mass will take place on August 17th, 10:30 AM, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 4268 Lime St. Burial will follow at 12:15 PM at Riverside National Cemetery (22495 Van Buren Blvd) where Geminiano will receive military honors. He will be laid to rest with his fellow brothers of the 'phin.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Preston and Simons Mortuary
3358 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 683-7410
<https://www.preston-simonsmortuary.com/>

Viewing

AUG **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Preston and Simons Mortuary
3358 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 683-7410
<https://www.preston-simonsmortuary.com/>

Mass

AUG **17**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
4268 Lime St
Riverside, CA 92501

Burial

AUG 17. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (PT)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA 92518

Tribute Wall



“ Jesse, Ymke, Jeske, Acoya, Makai Dioquino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.

Jesse, Ymke, Jeske, Acoya, Makai Dioquino - August 18, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ Jesse, Ymke, Jeske, Acoya, Makai Dioquino purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.



Jesse, Ymke, Jeske, Acoya, Makai Dioquino - August 18, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.

August 17, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.

August 16, 2023 at 09:25 PM

LC

“ Uncle loved his family – Auntie, Gigi, Mikki and Jimboy, and the clan. Although he was the youngest of seven siblings, we looked to him as the patriarch of the Bulos clan.

Uncle was not around when I was growing up. But I remember his visits. During one of those, he took time to teach us (his nephews and nieces) how to swim. It was important to him that we could swim back to the shore in case we fell into the river. That could easily happen since we lived by the Pampanga River. And we knew he was in town when one of the cousins showed up with a pocketful of delightful American candies.

Uncle loved his countries – the Philippines and the United States. After he retired, he took us on a tour of a submarine. It was not one he served on but similar. He showed us section by section, explaining what the rooms were for. I was shocked to see the sleeping quarters. I could not imagine living in such confined space months at a time. But he said nothing about how difficult it was. He mainly talked about how honored he felt to have been given the opportunity to serve his country.

The last time I saw Uncle was at my niece’s wedding in Hawaii. I had the honor of sitting beside him at dinner. His mind was still sharp although the body was declining. I told him I loved him and that he was my favorite uncle. In the past he would respond with “Yeah, and I’m the only one still alive.” That time he just smiled, soaking it all in.

I am thankful his suffering is over but I will dearly miss him.

Lei Copenhaver - August 16, 2023 at 10:39 AM



Thank you. We love you.

Burt Bulos - August 25, 2023 at 09:53 PM

TF

“ *The Estacio Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



The Estacio Family - August 16, 2023 at 12:38 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



August 15, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ Our Deepest Condolences to Mama Lita, Aunt Gigi, Aunt Gemma,Aunt Miki and Uncle Burt. What I can say about Lolo Eming is that he is One of the BEST Grandfather in the Whole World. I have many grandfathers but I was only close to Lolo Eming. I often exchange messages with him. Lolo Eming is the person who often helps but he doesn't want to let other people know about his helping. He is a very kind person and has a big heart. He helped us a lot. One of my biggest dreams is to visit you Lolo and to take care of You and Mama Lita. Too bad I can't catch up with you. I know you are in Heaven with our Almighty God. I miss you LOLO. I have so much more to tell you when I'm there and I'm with you. It hurts so much but it has to be accepted. You will no longer suffer and be hurt. Rest in peace my Lolo Eming. We Love You so much!
 ---> Love Marjorie “Jollie ” & Family and in behalf of Aguilar Family

PHOTO: This photo was taken 15 years ago. This was the first time I saw Lolo Eming in person and it was sad because it was also the last time I would see him in person.



Marjorie Grace Delacruz - August 15, 2023 at 02:15 PM



Love you and the family...

Burt Bulos - August 25, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ Glen & Maria Elena Googins and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.

Glen & Maria Elena Googins and Family - August 15, 2023 at 01:12 PM

GF

“ *Glen & Maria Elena Googins and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



Glen & Maria Elena Googins and Family - August 15, 2023 at 01:12 PM

OF

“ *Oscar & Zeny Cembrano & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



Oscar & Zeny Cembrano & Family - August 15, 2023 at 11:50 AM

FK

“ *From Dana and Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*

From Dana and Kevin - August 15, 2023 at 11:14 AM

FK

“ *From Dana and Kevin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



From Dana and Kevin - August 15, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



August 14, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ - *Your ATW Fam (Wednesday night crew) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



- **Your ATW Fam (Wednesday night crew)** - August 14, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



August 14, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.

August 14, 2023 at 02:38 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.



August 14, 2023 at 02:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.



August 12, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.



August 11, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.

August 09, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Geminiano Ramos Bulos.*



August 09, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Rest well Mr. Bulos. I did not know you well, but I know the great work you did on your children and I am awe of the amazing life you lived. To his remarkable family please accept my sincere condolences- Jake Head*

Jacob cabot Head - August 09, 2023 at 12:09 AM



Thank you, brother.

Burt Bulos - August 25, 2023 at 09:58 PM

EM

“ Our deepest condolences to Auntie Lita, Gigi and Lorraine, Mickey, Gemma and Burt. We loved Uncle and loved to listen to his funny banterings with my Mom. He was my mom's bestfriend. They would sit for hours and talked about their childhood years and picked on each other . I have always admired his wisdom and he was remarkably intelligent. There was a time where we would write each other prose and anything that slowly resembled poetry. He was an excellent writer and a great listener. He had a very laid back personality, very contemplative mind. My mom used to say I took after Uncle with his melancholic personality minus the contemplative mind. He promised me that we would drive around New England to see the changing of tree leaves, of nature's carpet of yellow, orange, red and brown. Too bad we didn't get to do that My Uncle. But it's lovely to think that you are now walking on the streets of heaven, paved with gold like transparent glass. I am sure the pearly gates of heaven was swung open wide to welcome you. You loved Grandma like your Queen . You had a very deep connection with Indang Munda. You were her anchor when waves were ready to swallow her. When she was on her end stage dementia, she would call all my siblings , "Eming!" You were the last one she remembered. I have admired your dedication to Auntie Lita and your unconditional love to my cousins. You were so proud of their accomplishments and rightly so. You were a devoted Filipino and American. You loved this country that adopted you and had served her unequivocally! Well done my dear Uncle! See you soon ! We love you! ---Edna Melendez and family and in behalf of my siblings .

Edna Melendez - August 06, 2023 at 05:42 AM

AE

Our condolences and sincere sympathy to the Bulos family! Once you love someone , that person becomes a part of us and remains with us as long as our memory last. We want to keep our loved ones with us forever and it hurts so much when forever comes too soon. Geme... you will forever be a part of our lives because you have special place in our hearts You will be missed by your family, friends and relatives.Now, Geme goes to a better place where he is at peace eternally resting with God. The Bible says: I am He who will sustain you, I have made you and I will carry you. We love you Geme ! Rest in Peace. To Lita , Gigi, Miki,Gemma and Burt...with each new day,may peace find a place in your hearts and want to let you know that we are thinking of you in this time of sorrow...love you all from the Estacio family .

Al and Sally Estacio - August 16, 2023 at 02:56 PM



Thank Uncle and Auntie, we love.

Burt Bulos - August 25, 2023 at 09:56 PM



Thank, Ate Edna...love you.

Burt Bulos - August 25, 2023 at 09:58 PM