



Heraclio Lapid

October 22, 1935 - July 23, 2009

Lapid, Heraclio, 73, formerly of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2009, at his home in Plymouth, Michigan. He was born in the Philippines and was a lifetime resident of Las Vegas. "Rick", as his friends and family called him, served in the U.S. Navy for twenty years as a cook, and then worked as a slot machine mechanic for twenty years for the original MGM, and then after the historic fire became part of Bally's Hotel and Casino until his retirement in 2000. Mr. Lapid is survived by his son, Roderick Lapid; his daughter, Melissa (Richard) Laing, his grandchildren, Joshua Lapid, Brennan Laing, and Audrey Laing; his sisters Loretta (Belanding) Tajonera, Saturnina Lapid, and Rufina (Cristomo) Naguiat; his brothers Eulojio (Bhe) Lapid, Pepe Lapid, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Private cremation services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, Michigan. Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan Cancer Center at www.mcancer.org. To share a memory with the family please use the view and send condolence link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Heraclio Lapid*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *My Dearest Cuzzins Lisa & Ricky & Auntie Mila my thoughts & prayers are with you through this very tough & emotional time. I for one am VERY fortunate to of had many great memories of Uncle Ricky. From going to Grama's Chicken every Sunday after tha 12:15 Mass, to celebrating Christmas's @ Auntie Onor's, to spending ma December of ma 5th grade year @ your guys house, & attending ma Wedding. I will miss him dearly & will continue to pray for him & for tha 3 of you. I love you Auntie Mila, Cuzzin Ricky, & Cuzzin Lisa with ALL MA HEART & SOUL....May God Bless you & protect you all always.... Always & Forever Ernell*

Ernell Manabat - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

DS

“ Dear Rod and Lisa; My heart goes out to you for the great loss of your Dad, and my dearest friend Rick. Your Dad was truly a man among men. A lean man in stature but a huge man in morals and character ! He is one of the most honest and hard working men I've known I worked side by side with your Dad for 20 years and we shared many heart felt talks and alot of fun laughing times. We traded many recipies and alot of gardening tips on growing the perfect Rose! No one could beat him with the most beautiful roses in Vegas. He was dressed so neat every day with his always pressed black levi's and bright white tee shirt under our black tech smocks. oh, yes and his tool cart had every tool and spare part in a neat order. He never would leave the shop unless every tool was back in the cart. I have so many fond memories of Rick and I remember one of the funny ones. Well, it was the day of the big earth quake in California and we could feel the after shocks here in Vegas. We were pulling maintenance at the Casino Bar. (Stinky, dirty , sticky spilled drinks...yuck...) The earth quake hit and we were watching the massive chandeliers sway from side to side. Your Dad said " It's a quake and it's near ..." lets close up the machines and get outside. In my haste and fear I couldn't close the lower door.I said to your Dad I'll just kick it shut...the next thing I see is your Dad on his knees in great pain as his fingers were in the inside door... OMG he had black nails for several months and never forgot to show me everyday... Did you know your Dad saved several lives the day of the MGM fire. It was my day off and probably a good thing cause your dad might of had to save me too! He told me that there were workers in the coin vault and with the loud noises from the coin wrapping machines they couldn't hear the fire alarms. He pounded and pounded on the the door for several minutes and he could see the smoke coming though the vents, he ran to another door and finally got someone to answer. He lead them out the back door. A true Hero in my book. I've a wonderful feeling his journey to the world beyond this one was a joyous reunion with past family and friends who were there to greet him. He is now truly in Paradise. God Bless you all... With much Love Donna Herlache & Barb Steeno

Donna Herlache & Barbara Steeno - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

RM

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Rod and his sister and the children. May "Rick" be dancing in the heavens with God, and may God ease your heavy hearts in this sad time. With love and prayers, Rachael, Krystian, and Katie.*

Rachael Morrow-Rankins - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ *To Rod and Lisa, Our deepest sympathy to your family from ours, we will always remember Uncle Ricky and keep him close to our heart. God Bless the entire family through this difficult time. Prayers from all of us, he will be missed by all. Ismael, Honoria, Alexander, Yvette, Joseph.*

The Quintos Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

AR

“ *Melissa and Rich, It is never easy to lose a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Aunt Chris and Uncle Ron - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

AP

“ *So sorry to hear about your father! We have a deep respect for all that you and Rich did for him during his last days. You were an awesome daughter and are an awesome person!! Take care and God bless!! Love, U. Paul & A. Ilene*

Aunt Ilene & Uncle Paul - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

BG

“ So sorry Melissa! I know it's been a long road which I'm sure your father was internally grateful to have a daughter who had been so caring! I'm sure within time you'll find it easier and you'll have his memories to hold onto. In the meantime your in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The Gogola family

Bill & Sharon Gogola - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

KF

“ What a beautiful tribute this obituary is to your father, Melissa. Our heartfelt sympathies are with your entire family as you deal with your loss. We hope all of your memories of good times spent with your father will help you all find peace through the sadness.

Kim and Ivan Martinez and family - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss Melissa. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

The Stowe Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

AG

“ I'm sorry for the loss but I'm sure it was for the best because now he's face to face with God and what could be better than that?

Alyssa Giancola - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

SS

“ He was a very nice man even though i could only see him for such or short period of time in my life. He was very loved. Good Luck my prayers go out to allhis loved ones.

Sean Sweeney - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TB

“ *We are so sorry to hear about your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

The Buchhops - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

CF

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family*

Cindy Finley - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

CD

“ *You and our family are in our thoughts and prayers*

Cindi Dugger - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM