



Sam began life in Shanghai, China then WWII forced his family back to the Philippines. Growing up, Sam earned money by shining shoes and selling newspapers.

After serving in the Philippine Army, Sam joined the United States Navy where he spent the majority of his career on board ships. He served aboard the USS Northampton, USS Tortuga, USS McCaffery, USS Brooke and the USS Okinawa. Additionally, he served at the Navy Finance Center, Cleveland OH and also as a Company Commander at Naval Recruit Training Center San Diego, CA.

After 20 years and 1 day of honorable service, this Vietnam Veteran retired as a Disbursing Clerk First Class Petty Officer (DK1) in 1977. After the Navy, Sam went back to school, earning AA degrees in Accounting, and Travel & Hospitality. He eventually started a second career as an Accounting Technician with the San Diego County Office of Education. After 20 years of dedicated service with SDCOE, he retired to spend time with his family and enjoy life. Sam loved to watch Westerns, especially John Wayne movies.

Sam was a very caring and charitable person, donating to many causes including Children's International. He also enjoyed playing bingo at a local casino.

Sam is survived by his sister Francisca, his daughter Jean and sons Michael, Edward and grandchildren Johanna, Jessica, Kaitlyn, Karlye and Sarah.

“You are relieved Sam, we have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas.”