



Frank P. Mestas

My father, Frank Pacheco Mestas, was born in Sonora, MX on Aug. 22, 1943. His parents are Consuelo Pacheco and Manuel Mestas and they moved to the US when my father was five.

He attended school in Los Angeles, where he graduated from Fremont High. He ran cross country and played baseball, excelling as a pitcher. He loved to play and even played until age 32. He was recruited at 18 by the Dodger Farm Team in June 1962 by Al Campanis. His baseball career seemed too hard to achieve and he enlisted in the Navy at 18 on Nov.19,1962. He served on the USS Savage as a midshipmen fighting for our country during the Vietnam war.

He rarely spoke of his time in the Navy and we never acknowledged it until we were adults and fully understood. Now our entire family, including my father, are proud of his service and we honor him every chance we get. He married the love of his life, Maria Urrea on April 14, 1967 and they have four daughters; Marina, Melissa, Marisela, and Marisol. He built his career as a machinist and welder and his hobbies include gardening, working on vintage cars, following sports, and supporting his family. As of 2023 my parents have 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Pop is loved by many and much more than words can say!

