



Brother Robert “Bob” Anthony Souza, a Navy veteran, animal lover, eternal optimist, and masterful ukulele player who captivated others with stories of his Huckleberry Finn-like childhood adventures of breaking all the rules and occasionally getting caught, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 24, 2024 at his home in San Jose. He is survived by his wife of 65 years Shizue, children Linda and Robert Jr, and grandchildren Emerald, Cheyenne, Katalina, and Nyeli.

Bob joined the Cupertino Odds Fellows lodge #70 in 2022 and was working on getting his 3rd degree before he passed. Even before joining both Bob and Shizue have been fixtures at lodge activities helping out with anything we needed. His motto “Help others when they need it, and if you see an abandoned baby bird, don’t look away — do whatever you can to nurture and support all living things” embodied the Odd Fellow spirit.

On Friday, August 2, 2024 we celebrated Bob’s life at the Cupertino lodge #70. The dining room was packed with all of Bob’s friends and family. We had 4 separate musical groups who played sang, and danced to Bob’s favorite Hawaiian songs. The family extend their heartfelt thanks to the lodge for the use of the hall and all the support given by our members in helping bid farewell to Bob. He will be truly missed.