



## MARTIN JOSEPH HARRINGTON

January 27, 1945 - August 20, 2016

### Obituary of MARTIN HARRINGTON

Martin Joseph Harrington passed peacefully away on Saturday morning, August 20, 2016. He was pre-deceased by his parents, William Patrick and Margaret Mary Harrington. He is survived by his daughter, Mika Kitazawa Harrington, his son, Manduy Ngo (fiancé, Maya Melendrez), six siblings, William and wife, Ellen, Mary Ann Somera and husband, Raymond, Daniel, Jerome and wife, Linda, Thomas and wife, Tammie, Jonathan, all of his nieces and nephews and good friends, Susan Kitazawa, Wren, Smokey and Richard.

Martin was born in Chicago on January 27, 1945, and was raised on Lake Dalhousie in Lake County, Florida. During his early adult years, Martin proudly served as an officer in the US Army. He received his Bachelor's degree in Seattle, Washington and moved to San Francisco where he completed his California Teaching Credential at the University of San Francisco. After receiving his Master's degree at San Jose State University, he began a long career as teacher and school administrator. He loved and supported the teachers, children and Kitty Mandell with whom he worked. He returned to Florida after retiring from the Pacifica School District.

He was also involved with his community in San Francisco. He was a parishioner at St. Kevin's Catholic church and an active member in the

mission to serve the homeless at St. Boniface. He served on a Community Board which was established to help resolve conflicts within the neighborhood. He was a problem-solver.

Martin was known for his extraordinary kindness. He was an untiring listener, helpful to all, a story-teller himself. He had a great sense of humor, loved to travel, rode thousands of miles on his motorcycle, loved his family, books, poetry and music. He was a loyal and faithful friend. He will be terribly missed by many.

Martin was generous in his lifetime. If you wish, in lieu of flowers, consider a donation to your favorite charity in his name or to one of Martin's favorite charities (1) St Boniface church in San Francisco, or (2) to Promise Land in Crawfordville, FL whose mission is to serve those in need of rehabilitation

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Saint Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church in Eustis, FL with Monsignor John Neff officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel in Umatilla, FL.

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Uncle Marty, you were a great man with a big heart. You loved everyone and all you ever wanted to do was help people. We love you and you are greatly missed*

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**Brenda Harrington** - December 19, 2018 at 12:36 PM

LF

“ *Mika, Susan and ManDuy,*

*I'm so sorry to hear of Martin's death. I knew Martin in the mid-eighties and 90's, when Susan and I had met in a Woman Studies class at SF State. Susan and Martin would have me over for dinner, and I will always remember their kindness, and especially Martin's humor. He was such a loving man, and so happy to become a father to ManDuy and Mika. He made this world a better place, and I will always miss him.*

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**Lisa Flanagan** - February 18, 2018 at 09:08 AM

BP

“ *You are missed already!*

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**Bowman "B.E." Pace** - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *Mika - We are so sorry for your loss. We have made a donation to St Boniface Church in San Francisco in your father's name. We are here for you! Please let us know how we can help. -All your friends at FRB*

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**First Republic Bank** - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ I worked with Martin for several years in Pacifica. To me, he was a quietly charming man who was great at his job. Everyone who worked with him valued him as a friend and advisor. In meeting him, one would never think that he could manage middle school kids. He never raised his voice. He never "lost his cool". I guess for those very reasons, kids respected him. He made a positive difference in the lives of hundreds of students. He had the same impact on the professionals that he worked with. He was kind to me. I am glad to have known him.

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**Susan Vickrey** - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Sorry about the loss of such a wonderful human being and our condolences to his family and best friends.

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**Scott and Denise Paterna** - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My deepest sympathy to Martin's family and many friends. Martin shared of himself with all that knew him. I was blessed to know Martin as a co-worker in Pacifica School District. We have all missed his kindness and incredible sense of humor since he retired and moved back to Florida with his family. Now we mourn his loss to this world, remember him always, and bless him as he moves on to his place in heaven.

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**Sandy Ramirez** - August 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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