



Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel

July 28, 1930 - April 5, 2025

Ricardo M. "Chief" Coronel, 94, of Indian Head, Maryland passed away peacefully surrounded by his devoted family on April 5, 2025.

Chief was born the youngest of 15 children on July 28, 1930, in Paombong, Bulacan, Philippines, to Raymundo and Jacinta Domingo Coronel. In 1953, as a young man, he joined the U.S. Navy and became a proud citizen of the United States of America on November 17, 1964. While in the Navy, he traveled the world and often spoke about his time abroad in England and Portugal. He proudly served on the aircraft carriers U.S.S. Coral Sea and U.S.S. Forrestal. He retired from the U.S. Navy on October 2, 1972 at Indian Head Naval Ordnance Station upon completing a distinguished 20-year career and attaining the coveted rank of Chief Petty Officer. Immediately following his Naval retirement, he joined the Uniformed Division of the U.S. Capitol Police where he continued to serve his country for 20 additional years before retiring on September 1, 1992. After his second retirement, Chief joined the Protective Service at the U.S. Department of Justice where he worked until 2002. Throughout his military and civil service careers, Chief worked tirelessly at everything he did, mentored dozens of young men and women, and built lasting and meaningful relationships.

In 1964, Chief met his future bride Patricia Ann Edwards at a Filipino-American Dance in Baltimore, Maryland. They were married on December 18,

1965, at Bowling AFB in Washington, D.C. and continued to grow their family raising three daughters.

Chief was a force of nature, dedicated to working hard and determined to provide for his family. He was passionate about the English language and was a prolific speller. He was also a talented athlete who loved a good competition. Chief was an award-winning tennis player, a ferocious runner, a fierce volleyball player – and diehard fan of the Baltimore Colts and Baltimore Orioles. He also loved sports cars, namely Corvettes. He enjoyed summer vacations with family and friends at the Flamingo Motel in Ocean City, Maryland, and the infamous annual Brouse July 4th cookout.

Anyone who had the distinct experience of knowing Chief realized he was a stern but loving husband and father and the world's greatest grandfather.. Chief is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years Patricia, his three daughters Kimberly Coronel, Melissa Meiser, and Susan Coronel, and five grandchildren: Mia Meiser, USMC Corporal Alexander Orben, Madison Meiser, Mackenzie Meiser, and Maximus Meiser.

The Coronel family will receive family and friends on Tuesday April 15, 2025 from 11:00AM to time of Mass at 12:00PM at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 30 Mattingly Ave, Indian Head, MD 20640. Burial at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in Chief's honor and memory to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society <https://www.nmcrs.org>

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church
30 Mattingley Avenue
Indian Head, MD 20640

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



April 14, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.

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April 14, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *Love, the Broushouse purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



Love, the Broushouse - April 13, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



April 13, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.

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“ *With Love, Whitney purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



With Love, Whitney - April 13, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *With Love, Whitney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*

With Love, Whitney - April 13, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LF

“ *Lito Coronel Deguzman and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



Lito Coronel Deguzman and Family - April 12, 2025 at 08:01 PM

LF

“ *Linda, Kathy, Jen, Mike & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



Linda, Kathy, Jen, Mike & family - April 11, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



April 11, 2025 at 11:04 AM

PM

“ *Pete and Cindy Mendel purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.*



Pete and Cindy Mendel - April 11, 2025 at 10:10 AM

MN

“ Mike Nakis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.



Mike Nakis - April 09, 2025 at 05:19 PM

LH

“ I am very sorry for your loss. May the great memories you shared bring you comfort at this difficult time. God Bless.



Loraine Davies Hennessy - April 09, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ricardo "Chief" Milo Coronel.



April 09, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ricardo M. "Chief" Coronel.

April 09, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MM

“ Chief you are amazing. Through everything you continued to stay brave, happy, and full of love. I miss your voice, ur smile, and your touch. I love you



mia meiser - April 08, 2025 at 09:04 PM

YE

“ Though I met him much later in his life, I was always happy to visit with him and admired him for his almost 50 years of service. Even when I would visit him solo he always was glad to see me, told me to be safe; and watched the clock knowing that I had to be on base and knew by looking at the clock exactly the minute I had to leave to be on time. He was always right. He will be missed and the void he leaves is only in the physical sense as I know he's already barking at others as a true chief does, and with a big smile on his face is still watching over his loved ones here still. I pray for all of the family, and hope they know they will see him again and relive their stories together. To all the family I send my love and condolences and hold you all in my heart as I keep him in it as well.



Yeti - April 08, 2025 at 05:59 PM

MM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



mia meiser - April 08, 2025 at 03:44 PM