



Charles Frank Messina

August 23, 2015

Charles “Charlie” Frank Messina, 84, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2015 peacefully in his sleep at his Napa home. The son of the late Francesco and Grace Messina born on May 10, 1931, Charlie was raised in San Francisco. After graduation from Galileo High School he joined the Navy during the Korean War where he served four years. Aside from entertaining his fleet, and many nightclubs in Japan, with his beautiful singing voice, Charlie was the head Quartermaster signaling fellow ships using “Morse Code.” After leaving the Navy he continued singing in the Bay Area where he met his wife of 59 years, Suzanne Messina. They had two children, son Frank Messina and daughter, Grace Messina Lyon.

In 1965 Charlie joined the Contra Costa Sheriff’s Department as a peace officer. He was a dedicated officer and family man. Charlie always dreamed of owning property and in 1972 came to Napa where the family enjoyed life on acreage. He enjoyed horse back riding, singing, boating, fishing, traveling, automobiles, a good game of gin rummy and above all, his family. Everyone who knew Charlie remembers his fabulous voice and his great sense of humor. His family devotion was the key to the man he was. He was there to help, guide and listen to his wife, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws and any friend who needed him. He will be so terribly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Messina, sister, Concetta McLoed, mother Grace Messina and father, Francesco Messina.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Suzanne Messina; son and daughter-in-law, Frank Messina and Kate Clason, daughter and son-in-law, Grace and Jeff Lyon; grandson, Alex Clason-Messina; granddaughters, Samantha Andrews, Emily Andrews and Amy Clason-Messina; and sister, Mary Agosta.

A mass will be held at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church in Napa, Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 11:00 am to celebrate Charlie’s beautiful life. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made to the American Diabetes Foundation or Wounded Warrior

Project.

Memories and notes of sympathy may be shared at claffeyandrota.com

Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Grace Messina Donner lit a candle in memory of Charles Frank Messina*



grace Messina Donner - August 20, 2017 at 04:57 AM

GD

“ *I remember how much love my cousin showed me. He was very much part of my life growing up. Though we lost touch in the years I never stopped to wonder how he or Suzy were. It saddens me when I think back to what could cause a family to drift apart. He will be remembered in my memories and my heart*

grace Messina Donner - August 20, 2017 at 04:56 AM