

In Loving Memory

Angelo "Rick" Romero Gama

July 22, 1950 – Aug. 23, 2026

Angelo Romero Gama passed away Aug. 23, 2026 at the age of 76 and will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

Rick was born on July 22, 1950, in French Camp, California, to Pete and Josephine Gama. He grew up in Tracy, where he attended South School, Jefferson School and Tracy High School.

At age 17, Rick joined the United States Army. Much of his military service was spent stationed in Germany, an experience that became an important part of his life story.

Rick had three children, Angelo, Anthony and Annette. Among the memories from their younger years were the many wrestling tournaments he attended with Angelo and Anthony, with baby Annette often tagging along. Sports have long been — and continue to be — an important part of the Gama family.

In January 1990, Rick began working for Volunteers of America as a desk monitor at a shelter for single adults. Over the years, he advanced to Work Program Coordinator, Assistant Director and eventually Program Director. During this time, Rick returned to school, earning an associate degree from Sacramento City College before continuing his education at Sacramento State.

Rick met his wife, Judy, through Volunteers of America, and they were married on December 11, 1999. Rick and Judy are both deeply missed by their families and all those who knew and loved them.

Rick is survived by his three children, Angelo Gama, Anthony (Joanna) Gama and Annette (Bill) Perry; his grandchildren, Taylor, Josh, Diego, Haley, Jayden, Sophie and Logan Gama; his siblings, Pete George (Gloria) Gama, Frank (Sylvia) Gama and Mary (Marino) Covarrubias; Judy's children and grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Josephine Gama; his wife, Judy Gama; his brother, Joe Gama; his sister-in-law, Carmen Gama; his niece, Myrna Covarrubias; and his nephew, Marino Covarrubias.

Rick will be remembered for his years of service to others and for the many lives he touched through his work at Volunteers of America. For more than two decades, he devoted himself to helping people through difficult times and providing opportunities to those who needed a second chance. That work remains an important part of his legacy.

Please join Rick's family in celebrating his life on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 35 E. 6th Street, Tracy, CA 95376. Family and friends are invited to come together, share memories and celebrate Rick's life.