



## Clarence Arthur Sears

January 16, 1928 - April 8, 2018

Clarence A. Sears (Zootie, CA, Dad) moved on to the other side on April 8, 2018. He went peacefully, surrounded by his wife, family and close friends. Born in Jacksonville in 1928 he grew up in abject poverty yet went on to earn a B.S. from JU (his student # was 16). He was extremely well read and could debate any subject from any side. Though he was never wealthy or even middle class, among his close friends were newspaper editors, CEOs of NYSE companies, renowned architects, powerful lawyers and a host of intellectuals and artists. He was a member of the ACLU and believed strongly in human rights and equality, so strongly that he put his own life in danger as an informant for the FBI imbedded in the KKK after WWII.

He built a cabin in the woods of Bayard from all used materials (3,500 sq. ft.) for \$11,000 which was featured in many newspaper magazines and articles. He called it a pile of junk, but it was a work of art. He traveled extensively in Southeast Asia, U. S. and Western Europe. It was on one of these adventures that he met the love of his life, Maria. He was extremely fond of people from the Philippines because of their happy, fun loving nature. A favorite evening for him would be to have a house full of Filipinas cooking, dancing and singing. He was indeed a remarkable man and an absolutely wonderful father who took us on amazing camping trips all over the U. S. On one such trip we camped for five weeks all over the Midwest, West and Southwest of the U. S. With Dad we always felt, and were loved, safe and secure no matter the adversity

He is survived by his wife Maria, children Charles (Colleen), Frances (Mike), Crystal (Guy), nephew Wade (Fran), grandchildren Rick (Sarah), Jamie (Kelly), Charlie (Roni), Kathryn, Greg (China), Alex, Britnie (Victor), Sean and Brett, special nieces Jo Ann (and her husband Felipe) and Jubilee and 13 great grandchildren, special friend , Bill (Belinda) plus the Filipino mob: Ellen, Clarice, Lenora, Lanny, Hedolita, Leonila, Marylou, Shirley, Mila, Janice, Juliet, Marissa and Nene.

Our thanks to all the Filipino friends that provided comfort and companionship for Dad, Maria and us during Dad's final days, you are indeed special friends.

Dad, your passing has left a huge unfillable hole in our lives and we will miss you May you have yet another grand adventure on your trip to the other side, to quote you "Goodbye Sweetie, and stay out of jail."

A Memorial Service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church on the Arlington Expressway at 12:30 on April 12, 2018 followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to the Unitarian Church.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Oak Lawn Cemetery

4801 San Jose Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL, 32207

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## Memorial Service

12:30PM

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville  
7405 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL, US, 32211

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## Reception

01:30PM

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