



## Mitchell Vincent Pimentel

February 12, 1926 - February 3, 2015

Mitchell "Mickey" Pimentel passed away on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015 with loved ones by his side. He was born on February 12, 1926 to his parents Vincent and Soledad Pimentel in Santa Barbara growing up on Rose Avenue. He attended local schools. As a young man he held various jobs but started his "career at sea" by first becoming a fisherman with the Castagnola Brothers, a deckhand with various local tug boat companies and a rough neck with Global Marine Offshore Oil and Drilling. Mickey then went to work for Tidewater Marine as a Chief Engineer from where he retired after 25 years of service. He was able to travel to many places and had many stories to share. One of his most memorable and proudest was on November 26, 1961 when a storm toppled an offshore rig off the coast of Gaviota where he rescued 8 men to safety. With winds blowing 70 mph and groundswells over 20 feet he helped rescue these men off a sinking offshore drilling barge (the SM-1) moments before it capsized. He stood on the foredeck as the ships crew jumped from the bow of the drilling rig catching them one right after the other. Recalls John Morgan, captain of the tug boat The Ant, "Mitch caught every one just like a father catching his kid jumping off a table. He set them on the deck and turned to catch the next one. He's the best crewman I've ever worked with." He was a self taught man in many things. A hard worker who always provided for his family. Left to mourn his loss is his wife Mary, his sons Raymond (Christy) and Vincent (Patty) his sisters Mary Meeks and Lucy Wofford. He now joins his daughter Sharon who predeceased him along with

brothers Lawrence and Peter Olmos and sister Rosie Olmos. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild who will surely miss their Papa (Opa). Numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. God Bless you Dad - Vaya con Dios. Viewing will be held on Saturday, February 7th from 12:00-4:00 at Welch-Ryce-Haider on Sola St. Graveside services at Calvary Cemetery on Monday, Feb. 9th at 1:00. Reception to follow at Moose Lodge on Victoria St.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown

15 E. Sola St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

(805) 965-5145

[info@wrhsb.com](mailto:info@wrhsb.com)

<https://www.wrhsb.com>

## Graveside Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

(805) 687-8811

[http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery\\_id=3](http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Papa,  
I'm so sorry that I can't be there right now.  
You will be missed dearly. My memories are  
so many. I loved the walks we would take.  
How you would tell me all about your flowers  
and cactus you most loved of all. My kids all still talk about you and  
your fish. I miss the little talks you gave me. The thought of you not  
hurting anymore puts some peace in you leaving us. Now you and  
mom can take them long walks together.



Love Always  
Michelle  
XOXO XXOO

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