



RICH PLATO



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**04/11/2024**

Richard "Rick" Plato, aged 78, a longtime resident of San Francisco, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2024. Born and raised in San Francisco, Rick was a man of honor and integrity, known for his unwavering dedication to his family, friends, and country.

Rick served with distinction in the United States Navy and will be laid to rest at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery with Veteran's honors.

As owner of Plato's Dental Lab for 54 years, he received the nickname of the "Mayor of Judah Street."

He leaves behind a loving family, including his wife, Kendall "Candy" Plato; their children, James, Tiffany and their families, and Rick's twin brother, Roger Plato and wife, Ruth. Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Muriel Plato; his brother, Len Plato; and his sister, Sondra Plato.

Celebration of Life for Rick Plato happening in May.

In lieu of flowers, [familyhouseinc.org](https://familyhouseinc.org) or [honorflight.org](https://honorflight.org)

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<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/richard-plato-obituary?id=54946921>

**George Washington High School (SF) Reunions webpage:**

**<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/class/reunion.html>**

**George Washington High School (SF) 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, June 10, 2023**  
**Rick (Rich) Plato is in the front row (3<sup>rd</sup> from right)**



**Front Row: Bill Gorman, Jean (Gregory) Slattery, Caroline (Fujii) Wong, Carol (Dinits) Silk, Evelina (Vecchiato) Gara, Hilary Poon, Wings Hom, Ruth (Ragan) Hunter, Sharon (Sanguinetti) Rivalie, Roger Plato, Beverly (Beach) Fleming, Rick Plato, Bob Duzdevich, Sharon (Strauss) Barkoff**

**Middle Row: Carolyn (Mertens) Sabaca, Kathleen (Sakai) Shimizu, Vicki (Mears) Duffett, Joyce (Molinari) Wenster, Joan (Bencik) Bacon, Ilene Simon, John Bautista, Laura Stevens, Dan Chu**

**Back Row: Yvonne (Stratten) Scott, Tom Bernard, Jacquie Cyrus, Mia Singer, Kenneth Kong, Dave Turner, Rich Gleason, Stan Spinrad, Bob Davis, Tony Ribera, Kent Stellby, Maurice Chesler, Tony Balzer**

<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/reunion/60th.pdf>

<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/class/JacquiCyrus.pdf>



**Rick Plato (L) & wife Candy, Roger Plato (R) wife Ruth**



<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/class/reunions.pdf>

<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/class/55classnames.pdf>

**GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL – 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION – APRIL 28, 2018**

**Rick Plato is in the second row (middle)**



**L→R**

**Front Row (seated): Rosita (Cerbato) Lamoreaux, Brenda (Mendoza) Crider, Tanya (Leonoff) Mayer, Dan Yee, Darlene (Bain) Puertolas, Shirley R. Wysinger, Carol (Dinitz) Silk, David Minkin**

**Second Row: Penny (Pendleton) Fetterman, Marilyn (Lee) Stowe, Evelina (Vecchiato) Gara, Frank Meyskens, Rick Plato, Wings Hom, Vicki (Mears) Duffett, Lynn Arsanis, Christine (Kratz) Millar, Leslie Armstrong**

**Third Row: Jacqui Cyrus, Sharon (Strauss) Barkoff, Beverly (Beach) Fleming, Paul J. Wigowsky, Bill Gorman, Ruth (Ragan) Hunter, Hilary Poon, Caroline (Fujii) Wong, Jeannie (Gregory) Slattery, Judy (Graham) Fajardin, Marcia (Hunter) Armstrong**

**Fourth Row: Tony Balzer, Ilene Simon, Mia (Maria) Singer, Robert Hardman, Kenneth Kong, Joan (Bencik) Bacon, Bob Duzdevich, Joyce (Molinari) Wenster, Tom Bernard, Larry Bradley, Peter Meserve, John Wydo, Dan Chu, Rich Gleason, Noah Griffin**

**(not pictured – Sergei Lialin, George Whitsell)**

<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/GW55.htm> (photos)



Rich Plato shows his patriotic "eagle" shirt as he poses with Candy Plato.

<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/class/GW70names.htm>

**GWHS (SF) Class of 1963 - 70th Birthday Bash - Photo & Names**

<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/class/GW70Bday.htm>



Stage: Vicki (Mears) Duffett, Dan Chu, Ruth (Ragan) Hunter, Harry Johns, Victor Oyama, Sheldon Wong, Ted Alper, Katherine Seibert, Jane Vandiver

Standing (2nd Row): Richard Kahn, Tony Balzar, Harry Littell, George Whitsell, Maria Singer, Frank Newhouse, Bob Brenner, John Ness, Marilyn (Lee) Stowe, Pedro Feminia (F'62)

Standing (1st Row): Joanne (Curry) Griffin, **Rich Plato**, Yoneka Higashigawa, Wayna (Lee) Sandlin, Paul Wigowsky, Roberta Peralta, Penny (Pendleton) Nelson Petterman, Mira (Papara) Troyan, Joan (Bencik) Bacon, Roger Plato, Bill Gorman, Lynn Arsanis, Jean (Gregory) Slattey, Vickie (Chapman) Del Coletti, Wings Hom, Brenda Crider, Judy (Graham) Fajardin, Beverly (Beach) Fleming

Seated: Peter Meserve, Paul Willson, Ilene Simon, MaryJane O'Keefe, David Minkin, Cristine (Kratz) Millar, Carolyn (Fujii) Wong, Charles Martin, Georgina Ong, Dan Yee, Shirley Wysinger, Yoko (Murahita) Oyama, Kaleria Mori, Rosie (Cerbatos) Lamoreaux





Rich and Roger Plato (twins)

Those were  
the Days!



Neil Talley (Fall '62)



Richard Plato



25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

### PROFILES

RICHARD PLATO  
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Dental Lab Owner  
Married to Candy 18 1/2 yrs.  
2 Children  
THE LAST 25 YEARS?  
Having fun & working  
MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE:  
Swim Team Championship





RICHARD PLATO  
2351 - 33rd Avenue  
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(415) 564-7347  
Owner - Dental Lab  
Married to Kendall 13 yrs.  
2 Children



THE LAST 20 YEARS?

"1965 - 67 Vietnam - Navy  
67 - 69. CCSF A.S. and Cert. Proficiency Dental Technology  
73 - 83 - owner Plato's Dental Lab (8 employees)  
the only native left in San Francisco!!!"

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE:  
1962 - 63 ALL-CITY SWIM CHAMPIONSHIP

## 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion

<https://wigowsky.com/GW63/Veterans.pdf>

Tribute to "Those Who Served our Country" (Armed Forces) from GWHS Class of 1963 [Note: Information from Profiles booklets, courtesy of Ruth (Ragan) Hunter - 20th (1983) and 25th (1988) reunions]

21. Richard Plato - Navy: Served  
from 1965 - 1967 in Vietnam.



RICH PLATO

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Published by Legacy Remembers on Apr. 26, 2024.

Richard "Rick" Plato, aged 78, a long-time resident of San Francisco, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2024, in [Concord, California](#). Born and raised in San Francisco, Rick was a man of honor and integrity, known for his unwavering dedication to his family, friends, and country.

Rick served with distinction in the United States Navy from April 1963 to October 1967, a period of his life that shaped his enduring commitment to fellow veterans and the values of service and community. Following his military service, Rick channeled his meticulous nature into his career as the owner and operator of Plato's Dental Laboratory, where he was respected for his craftsmanship and business integrity. In honor of his service he will be laid to rest at Sacramento Valley National Military Cemetery in a private ceremony with Veteran's honors.

Rick's dedication to his work was only surpassed by his dedication to his family and friends. He was the first to call or text those that touched his life with a celebratory greeting. Rick always enjoyed spending time with family around the pool or any other body of water. His love of water started when he spent summers running concessions at Russian River with his twin brother Roger. He loved sharing time with others. When Rick had a family of his own, he would spend summers at Lake Berryessa teaching friends and family how to water ski and how to get thrown off a tube. His greatest joy was the honor of being Papa Rick to his grandchildren but also by his chosen family of

children and grandchildren. Rick and his wife Candy created a welcoming life to all those who needed love and support. His legacy as a servant leader will continue through the lives he touched.

A man of diverse interests and talents, Rick was an avid supporter of the San Francisco Giants, a passion he shared with his family and friends. His love for classic cars, boating, gardening and sharing the fruit from his citrus trees became a source of pride and joy. Rick's community spirit was shown through his volunteer work at local theaters, through charities and spending his time with his grandchildren at their schools and after school activities. He earned the endearing nicknames of the "Mayor of Judah Street" and the "King of Spare Parts" through his ability to always watch out for others and help those around him. He was a proud Eagle Scout and took pride in hearing his loved ones exclaim "Papa can fix it!"

He leaves behind a loving family, including his wife, Kendall "Candy" Plato; his son, James Plato, his wife Krista, and their daughters Stella and Charlotte; his daughter, Tiffany, her husband Arthur, and their sons Lucky, Miller, and Maverick; and Rick's twin, Roger Plato and wife Ruth. Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Muriel Plato, his brother Len Plato, and his sister Sondra Plato.

Rick Plato's legacy of love, service, and community will continue to inspire those who knew him. He will be remembered as a dedicated family man, a proud veteran, and a true friend. His memory will be cherished and kept alive in the hearts of his loved ones.



Rick did not want a somber funeral, he wanted a party. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 25th. Rick was the #1 SF sports fan and was always proud to be an American. In honor of Rick please come wearing your Giants, Niners or Patriotic attire.

For more information on Rick's Celebration of Life, please follow link below and fill out form. Once completed you will receive information and the ability to RSVP.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfneSjOxY2J1UaYHDIUrLTCwOVW9\\_X6\\_EPeptqu7Gjy1vtB2A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfneSjOxY2J1UaYHDIUrLTCwOVW9_X6_EPeptqu7Gjy1vtB2A/viewform)

In lieu of flowers, because that would make Rick sneeze from allergies, we ask that you donate in his name to The Family House, a charity close to his heart which serves as a home-away-from-home for families of children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

( [www.give.familyhouseinc.org](http://www.give.familyhouseinc.org) )

Honoring Veterans was also important to Rick. His daughter Tiffany, and daughter-in-law Krista are flight attendants. Rick thought it was pretty cool that the Honor Flight Network would fly Veterans to Washington D.C. to honor them and their service. He especially liked that the airplanes his daughters worked on would be the same planes taking these Veterans on their flights. Rick would be honored if you chose the Honor Flight Network as a place to donate in lieu of flowers and gifts.

( [www.honorflight.org/donate/](http://www.honorflight.org/donate/) )

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).



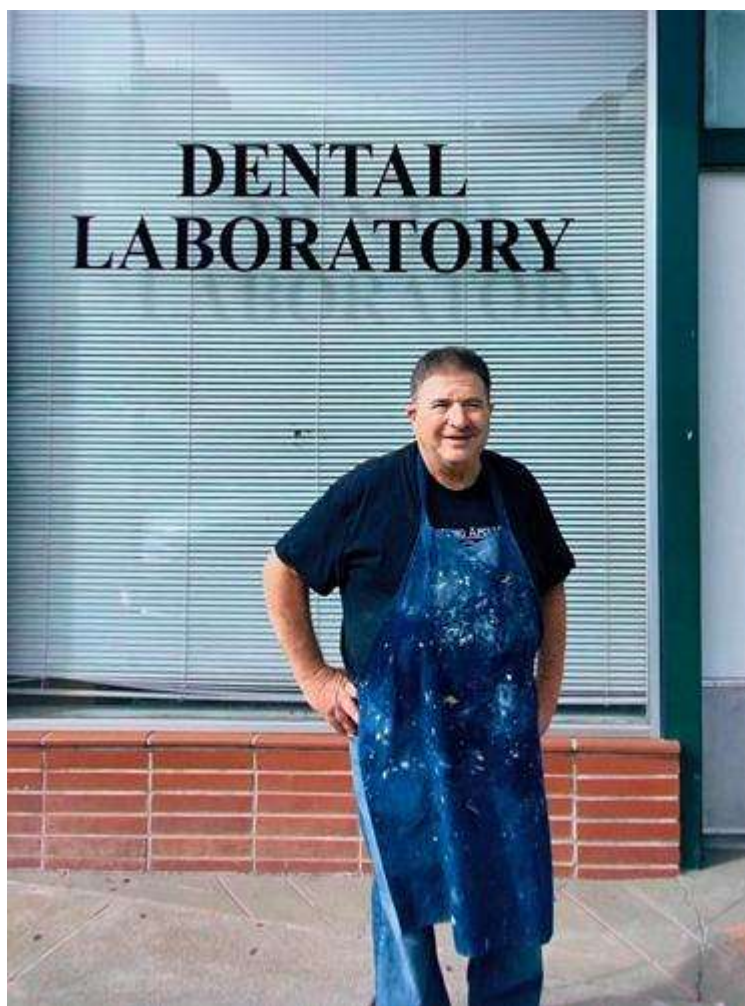








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Such a genuine and kind man. I know he had a positive impact on so many lives. Rest in peace.

**Eileen Freeman**

Friend

April 29, 2024

RIP, Rick. Whenever we announced a class reunion, you and Roger were always some of the first to sign up. You'll be missed. Condolences to your family and friends.

**Sheldon Wong**

School

April 29, 2024

Rick you will be missed! You treated me with so much love and took care of me while I was young and in SF, welcomed me into your family and just simply cared for people around you. And even after all these years, you never



forgot to greet me a happy birthday. I will miss those texts and messages. You will be shining your light from above I know it.

**Maria Meneses Gutierrez**

Friend

April 28, 2024

Rick brightened everyone's day. I'll miss the Cartoons and Jokes he used to leave on the lunchroom table and later by email.

**Joe Johnston**

Work

April 27, 2024

Rick was a great friend and kind man that was very influential to me especially earlier in my life.

I would hang out at the lab to visit Rick, son Jamie and my good friend Ben.

I also participated in their weekly Volleyball games until I started to get a little too competitive.

Rick had a major turning point in my life on two occasions.

First, he introduced me to John Romero and his Dental Lab. I ended up working with John and my other good friend Nathan for five years.

The biggest turning point in my lifetime was Rick's introduction that ultimately led me to Donna, my Wife of 34 years.

I reminded Rick of how major of an impact he had in my life when I saw him at John Romero's Memorial Service just a few months ago.

I am very glad that I was able to thank Rick one more time and share many memories with him in what turned out to be our final meeting.

Rick and all of your family

(Danny and Donna Hanvey)

**Danny Hanvey**

Friend

April 27, 2024

Bessie and I only have fond memories of Rick. He was the most trusting, generous, happy person that we had the pleasure of knowing. I worked alongside with him at the lab since 1978 and got to see how much he cared about doing things correctly. He showed me that by asking dentists to improve their own skills, we can provide the best prosthetics to patients. Rick lived a full, happy life, and deserved many, many more happy years. We will sincerely miss his smile, that twinkle in his eyes and are extremely grateful that we were lucky enough to have had him in our lives for so many years.

**Albert and Bessie Jung**

Friend

April 27, 2024

Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May he rest in peace

**Mike and Cathy villeggiate**

Friend

April 26, 2024

Rick and Candy have known my family since I was 4. They were the first to welcome us to the neighborhood.

I can't say enough about Rick.

He was a great and loving person.

It was a blessing to know him.

I will miss him deeply.

Our hearts and prayers are with you Candy, James, Tiffany, Krista, Arthur

your children and all of Ricks extended family.

May His Memory Be Eternal

**Tony Batshon**

Friend

April 26, 2024

I've known Rick since 1974 and he was an important part of my life especially since we were both in the dental lab business. He played a big part helping my business be successful. I've watched the strong relationship he had with Candy thru good and rough times. I've watched his kids grow and he's watched mine. My son, Evan, who also worked at the lab, would be texting with Rick about the Giants and the Warriors. Rick will definitely be missed!

**Kevin Hom**

Friend

April 26, 2024

Rick was such a great guy. Always did what he could to help. I loved talking to him on the phone because his smile, even through the phone, was infectious. You will be missed.

**Hannah Tran**

Work

April 26, 2024

So many memories, a fantastic boss, he made me laugh every day, generous behind compare, sharing his Giants with me and lucky enough to be with him at Matt Cain's perfect game.

**Marilyn Larson**

Friend

April 25, 2024

We met Rick when Krista and James were getting married, and when our son was going to Bergin North of San Fran. He was an awesome man from first we met. One you just fall in love with thru his friendly jovial nature. He took us to his lake home, his place of dental business, invited us to his home and



dinner, and so many other things while we were in San Francisco for our son. He will truly be missed. Hugs and prayers to Candy, James, Krista, Tiffany, Arthur and the grandchildren. Forever in our memories.

## **Syl & Fran DeBaere**

April 25, 2024

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