

# Master Gunnery Sergeant, USMC Nathaniel Ralph Hosea JR

On June 8, 2013 Nathaniel R, Hosea, 85 passed away at his home in Garden Grove, Ca with family and close friends.

Nathaniel Ralph Hosea JR, affectionately known as Nate born August 15, 1927 in West Palm Beach Florida, Born in the union of Rebecca Blanche and Nathaniel Ralph Hosea. He was the only son and youngest of three Children. They moved to Coatesville, Pennsylvania in 1929. Nate and his sister Pauline were very close and were called Peter and Paul. Nate graduated from Coatesville High school in Coatesville, Pennsylvania in 1945. Nate and his sisters were the first Black children to attend ST Cecilia Catholic Church they were Baptized and Confirmed. Later he had a home built for his parents.



Nate was inducted into the United States Marine Corps on July 31, 1945 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed basic training at Montford Point Camp, Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and rose to the rank of MGySgt. Nate participated in both Korean and Vietnam Wars, Nate's awards and decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Vietnam service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm and Frame, United Nations Services Medal Commendation and a Meritorious Unit Commendation and retired January 31, 197. In 2012 Nate was awarded the, Montford Point Congressional Gold Medal of honor.

After his retirement from the Arm forces, Nate received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University. He later received Master degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California

Nate could speak and read Japanese, had a black belt in judo, and was a boxer and pistol expert.

Nate worked for twelve years a supervisor and general supervisor in electronic manufacturing and testing with Hughes Aircraft Company. He was member and president of Los Angeles Chapter Eight of the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. He also served as vice-president, Western Region, Montford Marine Association. The western area encompasses Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming

Nate is survived by daughters, Carol Ann Hosea of Sacramento CA (five children, four grandchildren and one great granddaughter), Paulette Marie Hosea of Los Angeles CA, Son Nathaniel Ralph Hosea III, of Corona CA and Grandson Nathaniel Ralph Hosea IV and Sister Pauline H Carter of San Francisco, CA, and very dear friend and partner in crime Gilbert Andrade