



## Jose Padilla

May 21, 1941 - October 4, 2022

Leonard Padilla, 81, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away at his home on Tuesday 4 October, following an extended illness.

Mr. Padilla was born in 1941, in New Mexico, and soon after, moved with his family to Salida, CO.

In 1960 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and his first assignment was in Bremerton, WA, aboard the USS Hornet CVS12.

In 1967, Len chose to continue his military career and enlisted in the Marines. He was sent to Vietnam under the 1st Marine Air Wing. After serving in Vietnam, he re-enlisted with the Navy.

In 1969 he married his wife of 53-years, Judy Garrett, of Wenatchee, WA. Len's military career spanned 21-years, during which time he received many accolades and commendations, including three gold wreaths and a Bronze Star.

In 1980 Len retired from the Navy, as a Chief Petty Officer. He returned to Wenatchee with his family, where he began his career helping the community. He served as Manager of the Economic Development Council of NCW - Wenatchee. Later, Mr. Padilla established his own business, "La Pluma". He also secured his real estate license to serve as a successful Real Estate agent.

Survivors include his wife Judy; three children, Roxanne, Joe L., and Steve; daughter in-law, Michelle; five grandchildren; and 7 siblings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sibling, and a son.

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.