



REMEMBERING FRANK QUAN

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I had the opportunity to work at China Camp for ten years. I always enjoyed Frank, especially in the company of his long time friends and family, especially Georgette. His synergy inspired a unique comradery. He had a special way about him. My heart is saddened with our loss of Frank, but I know his legacy and his tenacious energy to keep China Camp special will live on. RIP Frank. You made a difference. (Angela)

We just want to extend our condolences in the passing of Frank Quan. He was a very special man, and with heavy hearts we mourn his passing. So many of the original old timers of China Camp have passed away. Art Soares fished with Frank a lot in the old days, and spent many weekends at the little shop on the ppty. He also helped keep China Camp going. Art's wife Dot (Dorothy) passed last year. Art worked at the Brickyard, and his wife lived all her life in the little house they called home, at the brickyard. My hubby and a lot of his extended family lived at China Camp when he was a child, when the McNears had housing for their workers there. Now it is covered in trees and grass. I have been told many wonderful stories abt the old days, and what it was like, and it was amazing the history, and how everything evolved over the years. I know Frank will be sorely missed. God rest his soul. (Karen)

I'm so sorry for the loss of such a dear friend. China Camp is a very special place on this planet because of Frank and efforts of the Friends of China Camp. It's a place I love to take my daughter to. (Ronnie)

Friends of Frank Quan, the last of the Chinese shrimpers, were saddened by news of his death at age 90. I knew Frank for 65 years. Frank, his mother, Grace, and Aunt Alice, got me started in the bait business. While Frank cooked and served some cocktail shrimp to his customers at the China Camp Store, most of the catch I sold for bait all over the bay, along with other types of bait. I will always be grateful to the Quan family. We worked together 27 years. There were a lot of shrimp until water diversion caused the bay to become too salty. Shrimp like brackish water. Frank was a great fisherman and friend. I will miss him. — *Mel Colombo, San Rafael*

The last resident of China Camp, Frank Quan, joined me on Aug. 12 with the Deputy Consul General Faqiang Ren and the China Daily News, to share stories of our McNear family “roots” of peace. In the 1870s, Capt. John A. McNear, my great-great grandfather, heard of social injustice toward the Chinese community and sailed from Petaluma to San Francisco on his ship, the Steamer Gold, to offer his land for a dollar per year. He felt the Chinese people had built the transcontinental railroad across America and deserved respect for their work. This land along the Marin County shores grew into a thriving community — over 500 Chinese fishermen exported 3 million pounds of fresh shrimp each year to Kwantung, China. During the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which forbade the Chinese from owning land, this village was a safe haven. The China Daily reporter joined me to document this remarkable

history, as our family continues to respect the land and its people worldwide with Roots of Peace. Frank shared stories of his brave ancestors and the seaside general store he ran with his grandfather Quan Hock Quock. His life seemed complete, as he shared these tender stories with my own father, Robert Thomas, age 87, who was his close friend at San Rafael High School in the 1940s. It was truly a touching moment. Together, they walked the shores of China Camp sharing moments in history. And, on Monday, Frank quietly passed away.— *Heidi Kuhn, San Rafael*

Carl and I are so saddened with the passing of Frank. Carl and Frank go back several years and they truly had a special friendship in the early years when China Camp was just getting started with volunteers and making plans to make China Camp a truly beautiful place for all of us to enjoy. If there is anything you need or we can do please don't hesitate to contact us. Hold all your great memories of Frank close to your heart. We surely will. Fondly, (Carl and Bunnie)

Frank you will be missed. Many of us that grew up in Santa Venetia knew you and grew up knowing you and your family. It was a great pleasure to have known you over these many years. The many times I was at the pier when the shrimpers would come in and clean the catch. You would let us kids have some for bait. We spent many summers fishing there. Watching all the equipment there in use to process all the shrimp. Some that would be dried in nets. It was you Frank that taught us to use the by catch (Bull Heads) (Mud Daubers), And Shrimp. Which we told our teacher SV Middle School Mr. Frazer about. Who later after school was out opened his bait business. So you unknowingly created a local business. Thank you Frank. (Don)

I go to china camp frequently I always looked out for Frank but never got the chance to meet him, so sad, sounds like was a nice guy. Rip Frank. (Nick)

Sounds like a great guy. Sorry for the loss. (Carolyn)

RIP Frank. Many happy memories at China Camp!

Frank Quan was my old boss in the Late 50's (I worked at China Camp as one of his 'boat boys', renting and providing fishermen their boats) rest in peace, Frank you were a grand and kind human being ... enjoy your reward in heaven! (Rev. Jess)

Thanks for leaving your smile behind (Milton)

Frank was truly a treasure. We've been sailing and kayaking from the beach for 25 years, and Frank was always a pleasure to have a chat with in the café, often about the weather conditions in the bay which he knew inside out - he will be missed by many. (Chris)

Rest easy Frank, I'm glad to have got to know you when I worked there. The place is just not the same without you. (Michael)

Rest in peace Mr. Quan, you were China Camps oak, and will be missed~(Bruce)

it's a sad day in China Camp - we're so fortunate to have met this man last year, he will be missed yet in our hearts forever. (Nick)

We'll miss you Frank! Rest easy...(Danny)

Our sincere condolences to the Quan family and all those who came to know Mr. Quan. He will be sorely missed. (Don and Cherrie)

I am saddened...what a great loss. Please accept our sincerest condolences. (With Light and Love, Dorothy and Rafael)

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Frank. I interviewed Frank several years ago about the history and the legacy of the China Camp Village. (Angelina)