

STORY BEHIND THE DECOR

In loving memory of Aquilino S Pili Jr.

Aquilino, aka “Jun” was born in the Philippine province of Bato in Camarines Sur in 1942. He joined The United States Navy in 1964 and settled in San Diego where he raised his family along with his wife Mabel and two children Mike and Donna. In 1987, Jun retired and moved his family back home to the Philippines and settled Southeast of Manila in the Barangay of Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal where he lived out the rest of his years entertaining guests with delicious food, beer and cocktails in his beautiful home. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him knew that he was very generous and welcoming. He always made sure his guests were having a good time.

This bar/restaurant is dedicated to the late Aquilino S. Pili Jr. (Papa Pili) who has since gained his wings on March 17th 2020. His daughter Donna Pili and partner Craig Dalrymple started this restaurant to pay homage to her father, thanking him for paving the way towards a better future.

Although born and raised in San Diego, Donna frequently travels to the Philippines and is proud to share her Filipina heritage by way of food and drink.

The Nautical décor represents the islands and the ocean. Jun was a fisherman and loved to be near the water every chance he could get.

Steampunk is a genre of fiction, which features steam powered machinery, advanced technology and fast paced innovative thinkers. This steampunk part of the decor represents the innovative, fast-hip, factory like service and lends well to the modern hustle and bustle of the Gaslamp area.

Mabuhay!

Aquilino Sesno Pili, Jr (May 15,1942 - March 17, 2020)