



Thomas David Torres

November 9, 1946 - March 2, 2014

Thomas David Torres, known simply as "Tom" to family, friends, and generations of students at St. Basil School, passed away on Sunday, March, at the age of 67, after a brief illness.

Tom was born on November 9, 1946, to John and Gloria Torres in Madera, California, but spent most of his life in Vallejo. He attended local schools, graduating from Vallejo High School in 1966 and later from Sonoma State University and Sacramento State University for his teaching credentials. Tom an educator for almost forty years taught junior high math, science, PE, and art, served as Athletic Director, Dean of Discipline, Talent Show Director, Grade Trip Chaperon, and Graduation emcee at St. Basils Catholic School.

Tom's passion and love for children also impacted his personal life; he was an active foster parent for many years. He always put the needs of children first and influenced many children through the years. His firm boundaries, wise decisions, and loving advice garnered him the unofficial role of counselor and father figure to countless students and foster children. It is Tom's kindness, decency, and generosity that left an indelible mark on his family and the many students, parents, and faculty members with whom he crossed paths.

Tom was a talented artist and an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hiking, gardening, and camping. He loved to travel, enjoyed museums and music and

movies, and never passed up an opportunity to have a good laugh with family, friends, and colleagues.

Tom a loyal man, was devoted to his family preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Frank and Theresa Lopez, his father, John Avalos Torres, brother, John Ezequias Torres, and nephew, John Joseph Torres. He is survived by his precious grandchildren, Kyla and Tommy of Union City; his mother, Gloria; Sisters Lynda (Rich) Frith and Joan (Larry) Nelson; Brothers Mitchell and Ross Torres and sons Placdio and Kenny Torres.

A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 15, at St. Basil's Church, 1230 Nebraska St., Vallejo. Inurnment will be private.

Cremation and arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA 94591
(707) 644-5209

Previous Events

Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Basil's Catholic Church
1230 Nebraska Street
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 644-5251

Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda Greig lit a candle in memory of Thomas David Torres*



Linda Greig - February 17, 2015 at 05:39 AM

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“ *Tommy,my compadre in everything legal and illegal. We grew up in the wild sixties and enjoyed great times together. I wanted to hook up with you in retirement,but that won't be the case now. I still miss your spirit four months later. God bless & RIP , su amigo,Ron Abundiz*

Ron Abundiz - July 02, 2014 at 09:49 PM

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“ *I did not have the pleasure of knowing your loved one personally. I saw this obituary in the paper. Tom seemed to be a wonderful man who was much loved by many. I am well acquainted with the sorrow death brings and hoped that family& friends might be comforted by these encouraging words from the bible: “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither outcry nor pain be any more, the former things have passed away.” (Re. 21: 4, 5) You have my deepest condolences.*

A. Coleman - March 19, 2014 at 11:21 PM