



John R. Diaz

September 25, 1949 - August 31, 2012

Diaz, John Ramon

Santa Barbara lost one of its own, a true caring and charismatic person who lost a courageous 2 year battle with cancer. John passed away peacefully with his entire family by his side at the young age of 62.

John was raised in Santa Barbara's East side and attended local schools, graduating from SBHS in 1968, and receiving his AA from SBCC. Soon after, John began a 32 year career at SBCC as a tutor, an academic adviser for both EOPS and International Students. In 1972, John married the girl from around the corner, Sandra Caballero. He served his Country in the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1976.

John was the type of person who never strayed away from who he was and the values instilled in him. He had a gregarious personality and he made everyone he came in contact with, feel at ease. His confidence, knowledge, personality made an effective communicator/educator and motivator.

John loved being with his family, bike riding, walking his dogs and gardening but especially he loved to barbeque.

John is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Sandra, sons Daniel (Brooke), Michael, daughter Rosana Diaz-French (Adam), and granddaughter, Breanna Nicole. His beloved dogs, Panda, Lulu

and Yogi. Also surviving are his siblings Virginia Gonzalez, Sylvia Raya, Loretta Krambeck, Evelyn Cuevas and many nieces and nephews.

The Family would like to extend their appreciation for the outstanding care provided by Dr Greenwald (staff-Diana, Jessie & Martha) Dr. Belkin, Dr. Weisenberger, Dr. Zauner, Nurses at 6 Central and devoted friend, Marva Osborn.

Services will be held Thursday, Sept. 13, at Our Lady of Sorrows on Sola At 10:00 a.m The family invites all that knew and loved John to join them immediately afterwards to celebrate his life at Tuckers Grove.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
21 E Sola Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tribute Wall

YR

“ Dear Sandra,
I am truly saddened to hear of your recent loss and would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family on the recent passing of John. John was such an amazing person who touched the lives of many. I can only imagine how difficult this must be for you. I have always known you as a strong and calm person and I know at this moment of loss those qualities will be of immense help. My thoughts and prayers to Sandra and family.

Jay & Yvette Rodriguez, Oxnard CA

Yvette Rodriguez - September 13, 2012 at 07:17 PM

AJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



Alex Caballero Jr. - September 13, 2012 at 09:24 AM

AJ

Uncle Johnie enjoyed his stay here on Earth. He took life with a grin and a smile. He was blessed with a loving and caring family as we were blessed to have him in our lives. It was difficult putting this video together, but at the same time it was wonderful experience living those memories once again with the help of these photos. I hope you can relive some special moments you shared with my uncle Johnie as you view this memorial video. God blessed us all and I will be looking forward to God's grace and blessing when he rejoins us all.
Alex Caballero Jr.

Alex Caballero Jr. - September 13, 2012 at 09:31 AM

EG

“ Hi Sandra, Hugs love you and i pray for you and Evelyn to be strong, your very courageous lady I will miss John I remember him so well, when we were at SBCC in cafeteria how many times i skipped classes we would set there play poker , lol. he made me laugh i enjoyed spending time with John. we had some great times SBCC RIP John I will light my candles . I will always cherrish those moments. love Abby Evelyn Orourke,Garcia Hudson , Fl



Evelyn Orourke Aka Abby Garcia - September 13, 2012 at 07:33 AM

JD

“ Dear Sandra & Family
I worked with John at the SR language center. He was such a wonderful man to work with! He made me laugh daily with his stories, I especially enjoyed the tales of the concerts he attended around SB. I learned a lot about life and having a positive outlook from John. He made such a great impact on everyone around him.
What a man!

Love,
Julie D.

Julie D - September 11, 2012 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ JOANN DALLY SCHWENDTNER lit a candle
in memory of John R. Diaz



JOANN DALLY SCHWENDTNER - September 10, 2012 at 04:51 PM

JS

My name is JoAnn and I went to OLG with John. I remember him as being a lot of fun. Our other classmates, Eddie, Freddie and Gary are all waiting John for you to "party"... now don't get too crazy. My friend RIP. Love to the family JoAnn

JOANN DALLY SCHWENDTNER - September 10, 2012 at 04:53 PM

BB

“*My name is Bryan Bowe and I was very saddened to hear about John's passing. John is the person that I always thank when thinking about my life's path and I am quite sure that if it wasn't for John, I would not have attended college and eventually graduate from UCSB. When I was 18 years old, John gave a speech at Santa Barbara High School and convinced many of us to sign up for financial aid and EOPS. He was so convincing when he said, "hey, there's free money out there for all of you". When fall rolled around and I was unsure of my future, I received information that I was approved and could start SBCC. Once at SBCC, I met with John periodically and he guided me through my coursework and eventually into the transfer program. He was such a supportive person who would always make time for students. Because of John, I have a good career here in Santa Barbara and will never have to leave my home town. I'm pretty sure there are many people out there with the same experience. He must have changed many lives for the better. I wish I could have thanked him once more. May god bless you John. - Bryan*



Bryan E. Bowe - September 10, 2012 at 03:49 PM

JL

“ *Josie Nevarez Limon lit a candle in memory of John R. Diaz*



Josie Nevarez Limon - September 10, 2012 at 01:39 PM

JL

John Diaz - you had such a tremendous impact on my life! You will never know how much I valued your advice, encouragement and of course your sense of humor. My days at SBCC were truly some of the best times of my life. RIP - my friend until we meet again. May the Lord bless and be with Sandra and kids at this difficult time.

Josie Nevarez Limon - September 10, 2012 at 01:54 PM

CC

“ *I remember John from our days at SBCC and am so sad to learn of his passing. He was always so friendly, jovial, and a joy to work with! You all are in my thoughts and prayers...*
Chrys Chaparro

Chrys Chaparro - September 10, 2012 at 12:28 PM

SP

“ *Silvia Pauletto lit a candle in memory of John R. Diaz*



Silvia Pauletto - September 09, 2012 at 10:38 PM

SP

When I think about SBCC, I think about John Diaz and how you changed my life in many ways. I'll never forget sharing with you about a boyfriend that I was dating at the time, and you wanted to meet him. I brought him to your office and you told me to dump him, and you knew he was not a good man. Your advise, and being a mentor was so valuable at that time of my life. I will never forget you John....BTW. I married a fantastic real man. Prayers to the Diaz familia....RIP John.. You will be missed!!

Silvia Pauletto - September 09, 2012 at 10:45 PM

LR

“ *Louis Romo lit a candle in memory of John R. Diaz*



Louis Romo - September 09, 2012 at 06:04 PM

LR

JD! Great memories at SBCC! When I brought the idea of creating a softball team with our fellow students, he & I went all out and created the "Tequila Shooters"! Those days will never be forgotten! Thank you my friend for all of the fun times!! Love you! Prayers to Sandra & kids!

Louis Romo - September 09, 2012 at 06:09 PM

JC

“ *We are sad that we will no longer see John nor hear his voice and laughter in this world. We can rejoice in knowing he lived his life well. He blessed so many by helping, caring and always with a loving heart. John will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers to Sandra, his family and friends.*

Janice Chase - September 09, 2012 at 12:34 PM



“ John, just wanted to say thanks for all those great memories we had for the short time we were together playing softball. I know your in a better place now pain free and waiting for us, probably getting some softball league together, riding your bike and enjoying Heaven we will miss you.

Tony Hernandez - September 09, 2012 at 11:44 AM



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Diaz Posse - September 09, 2012 at 09:17 AM



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DP

“ *Our wild crazy Breanna will sure miss her Abuelo. We are very thankful that Breanna was able to spend time with Abuelo that day before he left us to be with our son Izaiah. Breanna looks at the sky at night and knows that Buelo is the brightest star shinning down on us. Daniel, Breanna and I hope there is a Frank and sons and Toys R Us up there for you! Te Amo Buelo.*



Diaz Posse - September 09, 2012 at 09:05 AM

CK

“ *Cindy Frakes, Krambeck lit a candle in memory of John R. Diaz*



Cindy Frakes, Krambeck - September 08, 2012 at 09:30 PM

CK

I am sooo sorry Loretta, Evelyn, Virginia and Family. I will never forget seeing Johnny & his friend, the tall thin one, I'm drawing a blank on his name, but them 2 hanging around at the house on Hope when I would come for the summer in the 70's and them smoking their weed and making me pee my pants with storys they would talk about. I felt like I was with Cheech and Chong. I will never forget Johnny, He was a true Sweet Heart! Love, Prayer's and my Deepest Sympathy to All~~~

Cindy Frakes, Krambeck - September 08, 2012 at 09:45 PM

JE

“ John Egglar lit a candle in memory of John R. Diaz



John Egglar - September 08, 2012 at 08:52 PM

JE

I will miss John. I remember John as a little kid at OLG School when I was a friend of Loretta's; I remember when he was my student; and I remember him as my colleague. With his wings John can watch over his families and over EOPS and International Students. Descansa mi amigo.

John Egglar - September 08, 2012 at 08:57 PM

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“ Sandra I know that in this time you will have to be strong and God will test your strength to the fullest but please when you are thinking that things are at the worst just pray. When I lost Jim I did alot of praying and it got me thru alot of difficult times. Know that he is at peace and will be watching over you and your family from above. God Bless you and I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sandra Mora



Sandra Mora (Paredes) - September 08, 2012 at 04:56 AM

RJ

“ Rosie Jacinto lit a candle in memory of John R. Diaz



Rosie Jacinto - September 07, 2012 at 05:51 PM