



Jose Ruben Gomez

July 12, 1936 - November 10, 2019

Jose Ruben Gomez aka: Ruben Joseph Gomez

1936-2019

Ruben Joseph Gomez, age 83, died in his hometown of Santa Barbara, California on November 10, 2019 after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Ruben was born July 12, 1936 at Cottage Hospital to Angelina and Theodore Gomez.

He attended Franklin School, Santa Barbara Junior High and graduated from Santa Barbara High School in 1955. After high school he served his country honorably as a Marine Corp drill sergeant. Served in the Marine Corp Reserves till August 29, 1961.

Once a Marine always a Marine.

Semper Fi

He began his painting career with the help of Alex Funke. Attending Santa Barbara City College for business, he went on to build a very successful company, Ruben J. Gomez Painting and Decorating INC. for thirty-four years. Join the IUPAT (Painters Union) in 1974. Retired in 2008 to enjoy his life with his family, friends and his loving dog Jewels.

Survived by his children Gigi, Denise and Gina. Seven Grandchildren: Michael (Lita), Shannon, Danielle (Jake), Ruben (Tavia), Aaron (Annie), Ashley and Evan (Lara). Six Great Grandchild: Alexis, Anthony, Andin, Jonathan, Adrian,

Arden, Cruz, Beau and Thomas. One Great Great Grandchild: Adaline. Sister Sally (Don), Sisters-in-Law Lupe, Maggie. Nephews & Nieces: Mike, Marina, Lynda, Anthony, Anna, John, Che and Elena. With many cousins and great nephews and nieces.

Ruben is preceded in death by the love of his life, wife of forty-one years Joan (Joannie), son Ruben, brothers Tony, Lupe, Rudy and Son-In-Law Ernie.

Ruben was loved by many with his quirky sense of humor, his contagious laugh, kind heart and the love for his family and friends. When he was a child, he was an altar boy at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. In his youth he loved drag racing. He enjoyed playing golf on the weekends with Tony and every Monday morning with Bill, Chaz, Gene, Joe and Lucio. Was a member of the Los Paisanos Golf Club for many years. In 1980 he won the Bowling League Championship with his daughter Gigi, Richard and Alice. He was thrilled to be part of the 1955 Santa Barbara High School Alumni Reunion Committee.

Ruben took great pleasure in showing off his ORANGE 34 Ford sedan which he loved to share at the Classic Car Shows. Was a long-time member of the Ignitors Car Club. He always looked forward to meeting up with his Franklin School buddies and having lunch with his Tuesday and Thursday cronies. For over 30 years he shared a business relationship and strong friendship with Greg.

Sincere gratitude to Dr. Robert Byers, Alzheimer's Association (Alz.org) for many, many, many phone calls. His (lady friends) caregivers Dorie and Sally. The nurses and staff at the Serenity House for all their kindness and compassion during the last two weeks of Ruben's life.

Funeral services will take place at Welch-Ryce-Haider Mortuary, 15 E. Sola Street, on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Burial services will be held at Calvary Cemetery, 199 N. Hope Avenue on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Following burials services, there will be a reception at Mulligans Café, 3500 McCaw Ave.

“Ruben Here”

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 6:00 PM (PT)
Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown
15 E. Sola St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Graveside Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (PT)
Calvary Cemetery
199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3

Tribute Wall

SG

“ I've thought of you often. Thank you for reaching out all those times over the last few years. Sorry I never did get those photos you wanted to give me. In my heart always, Susie

Susie Gomez - November 15, 2019 at 08:43 PM

 Ché
Perez

“ I remember we had moved to Los Angeles in the mid '70s, but returned often to visit family. Uncle Ruben bought a clean, tidy inboard. He took us all out for a ride just outside the Harbor. He drove full throttle almost the entire time. Uncle Ruben knew how to live, laugh, and enjoy life. I will never forget the good times he shares with us. Never one short on talk, he always had me chuckling.

Ché Perez

Ché Perez - November 14, 2019 at 01:30 AM

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