



Lawrence F. Tupper

February 23, 1923 - October 16, 2011

TUPPER, Lawrence Frances

Born February 23, 1923, in Crandon, Wisconsin; Died October 16, 2011, in Santa Barbara, California. Lawrence (Larry) was the fourth of eight children born to Orin and Irene Tupper. He graduated from Crandon High School, and then spent a year in Seward, Alaska. He returned to Crandon, where he and his brothers co-owned a trucking company. During World War II, he proudly served in the US Marine Corps, in the Pacific Islands. He was wounded in action three times and was awarded three Purple Hearts, and a Bronze Star for "heroic achievement under heavy artillery fire." He was recalled during the Korean Conflict.

On May 13, 1950, he married his sweetheart, Harriette Mount, in Crandon. He and his brothers continued as co-owners of the trucking business, a Cities Service Gas station, and a Dad's Root Beer Stand. Eventually, memories of warm Southern California, from his time at Camp Pendleton, drew him, and in 1955, he moved his young family to Garden Grove, California. He worked in the food sales business for many years, first for Alex Foods, and later for the Borden Company. In 1971, the family moved to Santa Barbara.

Our dad had a profound love of God, of his wife Harriette and his family, and of his Catholic faith. He was a kind, generous man who opened his heart and

home to others. He was very involved with Holy Cross Catholic Church and with the prayer communities in Santa Barbara and throughout the area. He and Harriette spent countless hours feeding the homeless, visiting convalescent and rehab hospitals, and just helping others. He loved to attend school events with his children, and after his retirement he was able to spend special time with his grandchildren. He could often be found in the bleachers, cheering them on.

Dad was proud of his Irish heritage and always had fun on St. Patrick's Day. He had a warm smile for everyone and sparkling eyes. Even when fighting Alzheimer's, he kept his sense of humor.

Lawrence is survived and deeply loved by his wife of 61 years, Harriette; by his six children and their spouses: Theresa (Fred) Buss, Pat (Diane) Tupper, Mary (Gerry) Alcasas, Madelon (Greg) Calderon, Mike (Janie) Tupper, and Mary (Tom) Lopez; by his seventeen grandchildren: Nick, Heather (Chris), Emily (Richard), Allison (Dan), Shannyn (Ray), Ryan (Laura), Greg (Jan), Sabrina, Danielle, Jason, Michael, Kyle, Megan, Mackenzie, Madison, Caton, and Jeremiah; and by his eight great-grandchildren: Cynthia, Caleb, Sarah, Evan, Evelyn, Jillian, Camilla, and Gabriel; and by his only surviving sibling, Margaret (Ralph) Brandt. He is also survived and loved by his sisters-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

A Rosary and viewing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Funeral Mass will be on Monday, Oct. 24, at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church or to the Wounded Warrior Project.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.wrhsb.com

Arrangements by Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels.

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

Rosary

OCT **22** (PT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
1740 Cliff Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
(805) 962-0411

Funeral Mass

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Grandpa always made me feel like his grandchild even though I married into the family. He never treated me as different from anyone else. God gave me the gift of a grandfather, when I didn't know what it was like to have one and I am so grateful that it was Grandpa Tupper. I miss you and love you with all my heart.



Janique Leslie-Calderon (aka Jan) - October 26, 2011 at 06:15 PM

PO

“ Mr. Tupper welcomed all to his home with love and kindness. He taught by example and was such an influence on me growing up. Thanks to him and the rest of the family for always making me feel like I was a member. My love and prayers to all.

Paula Lopez Ochoa - October 24, 2011 at 09:46 PM

JY

“ "When I grow up I want to be like Larry!" I was lucky enough to grow up on Salida Del Sol with the Tuppers. Your husband/ dad/ grandfather/ great grandfather lived what he believed. He feed us in our time of need! He was full of joy. His days were spend in service of others. I hope that at this time of sadness you are filled with sense of peace. Mr. Tupper will leave on in each of you. Your family is loved!

jessica bellefeuille yacoub - October 24, 2011 at 12:24 PM



“ Cynthia Tupper sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence F. Tupper



Cynthia Tupper - October 23, 2011 at 03:39 PM

KK

“ Kathleen (Calie) (Frazer) Kenyon lit a candle in memory of Lawrence F. Tupper



Kathleen (Calie) (Frazer) Kenyon - October 22, 2011 at 11:35 AM

TL

“ I was a teacher of one of Mr. Tupper's grandchildren, Emily Buss. I know how proud Emily's mother Terri was of her father, as she talked about the family's visits to Santa Barbara, and how special those visits were. I know that Mr. Tupper was equally as proud of the family I knew, and in reading his obituary, I learned much about how genuine and special this man was to all who personally were close to him. My sympathies extend to his wife, his daughter Terri, his granddaughters, and his extended family. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.



Tom Layton, Seattle, WA.

Thomas Layton - October 21, 2011 at 12:04 PM

SP

“ Steve And Laurel Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence F. Tupper



Steve and Laurel Peterson - October 20, 2011 at 06:53 PM

NF

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Nancy Funk - October 20, 2011 at 04:21 PM

ML

“ Mary Lopez-Daughter sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence F. Tupper



Mary Lopez-Daughter - October 20, 2011 at 01:06 PM

BM

“ Bette Maxfield lit a candle in memory of Lawrence F. Tupper



Bette Maxfield - October 20, 2011 at 01:00 PM

BM

“ Dear Tupper, I will be leaving for Boston on the 22nd so will miss the services. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and I have many fond memories of time spent in your home. "Tupper Tacos" Hugs to you and especially Harriette. Bette Goldfarb Maxfield

Bette Maxfield - October 20, 2011 at 12:59 PM

KK

Our deepest condolences to you all for the loss of your father and husband. Especially to Bunny and Madelon. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Kathy (Frazer) Kenyon

Kathleen (Calie) (Frazer) Kenyon - October 22, 2011 at 11:34 AM