



## Tony Benjamin Rodriguez

April 16, 1934 - June 22, 2014

TONY BENJAMIN RODRIGUEZ April 16, 1934 - June 22, 2014

Son, to Tony and Ramona, Husband to Eloise who preceded him in death, Brother, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather and a Proud Marine.

Born and raised in Carpentaria, Tony grew up with his brothers Larry & Raymond (Tiny). After 2 years of Ventura City College, Tony joined the Marines serving 4 years. He met his beloved wife Eloise. During their 50 years of marriage they had seven children, 2 boys Tony Jr. and John, who preceded him, Joseph (Sharon), Laura (Paul Valencia), Rita (Sean Patterson), Tonia (Richard Geise), Richard (Mari-Ann), 13 grandchildren and 2 great children.

Tony, a gentleman with a warm smile, wonderful personality, positive attitude and great influence, will be greatly missed by all whose lives he's touched.

Visitation will be held on Monday starting at 6:00 pm at the Welch-Ryce-Haider Santa Barbara Chapel followed by the Rosary at 7:00 pm. Mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Tuesday, 10:00 am followed by the interment at Santa Barbara Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-3231

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 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>

## Rosary

JUN 30. 7:00 PM (PT)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUL 1. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
227 N. Nopal St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

# Tribute Wall

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**Laura Valencia** - June 29, 2014 at 09:29 AM

“ A GIFT

*Every second of every minute makes an hour to create a day  
Almost 5 years of extra time: what a GREAT GIFT.*

*Getting support, understanding, encouragement, creating  
confidence, discipline, smiles, laughter and love. My parents Tony  
and Eloise such a GREAT GIFT.*

*Growing up not knowing how lucky you are... taking things for  
granted that life will not change.. ever changing.. not knowing who  
or what you will become... not knowing who you're going to meet..  
not knowing who you will create, such GREAT GIFT.*

*The chances of my great-grandparents, grandparents, parents  
meeting way back when to create us. Then to meet our partners  
creating our children, what are the odds of such a GREAT GIFT.  
A love of 50 years: laughter, understanding, joking around, tears,  
support when lost, loving each other more with each day, a GREAT  
GIFT.*

*Children, brothers, sisters, mother, father, cousins, aunts, uncles,  
nieces, nephews, and friends, Our Family sharing our loss,  
thoughts, prayers, tears; your love; your support thank you for this  
Gift.*

*Our dad gave us five more years after our mom past. You look so  
much like your mother. Your dad always has a great smile. Both of  
your parents were such great people.*

*Dad moved Deedee and Sharon to Virginia, he had Laura and Tonia  
nagging him, "where's the Babe" he called Brandon, Marcus was  
his "Tiger", Pop, my dad. His last trip to Mariposa for Anthony's  
graduation.*

*You cannot choose your family, they are chosen for you. You will  
have good and bad times, but they are always there for you. We  
didn't have a lot of money growing up, but we didn't need it: We had  
each other; we have family:*

**SUCH A GREAT GIFT**





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**Rita Rodriguez Patterson** - June 29, 2014 at 09:23 AM

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“ *Rodriguez Kids lit a candle in memory of Tony Benjamin Rodriguez*



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**Rodriguez Kids** - June 28, 2014 at 09:16 AM