



Thomas David Flores

September 14, 1957 - November 4, 2024

Thomas Flores passed away on November 4, 2024. Born on September 14, 1957, in

Montebello, California, and raised in Bakersfield, California. Tom was one of seven children

born to John and Sara Flores.

Tom was a devoted husband to his wife, Karen, with whom he shared 48 years of marriage. He

was a proud father to his children Katrina, Krista (Ricardo), and Thomas (Renee), and a

cherished grandfather to Tristen, Zane, Axton, Serene, and Nikki. He is survived by his mother,

Sara Flores, his siblings: Annette Lesnak (Eddie), Carol Uribe, Martin Flores (Heidi), Patrick

Flores (Sherry), Paul Flores (Kelley), John Flores (Beverly), and numerous relatives. He is

preceded in death by his father, John Flores, and other beloved relatives.

In 2014, Tom retired from Chevron after 38 years of dedicated service. A man of many talents,

he could fix anything and was always busy working on a project. He was a roller hockey coach,

baseball coach, lover of good music, an avid fisherman and hunter, lover of yard sales, and

never backed away from a card game with family. He was mechanically inclined and loved to work on cars, often teaching friends and family how to repair them. He was a master storyteller that would keep you on pins and needles until the end. Most of all, he loved spending time with family and friends. He attended countless soccer games, graduations, baseball games, weddings, beach trips, birthday parties, family celebrations, and enjoyed traveling with his wife, Karen. He took great pride in his role as a grandfather, and cherished time spent with his grandchildren. He was a devoted catholic and active member of Christ the King Church.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and staff at Memorial Hospital ICU and Neuro ICU, the Encompass Rehabilitation staff, the kind staff at Bristol Hospice, and to everyone who kept Tom and his family in their thoughts and prayers. Tom's spirit, sense of humor, and love for his family will be missed, but never forgotten.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (PT)

Christ the King Catholic Parish
1800 Bedford Way
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Rosary

NOV 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

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Mass

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Graveside

NOV 12. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Greenlawn Southwest
2739 Panama Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93313

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember: staying at your house when Brian was born; making tamales at Christmas time; You, Karen and mom taking turns making homemade ice cream in your back yard and ours; you coaching Michael in hockey; and the time you took me to my Aunt Jackie’s when I was 14. I have always remembered the talk we had while you were driving me to her house after I was being a turbulent teen. The words you said continue to guide me in adulthood. There are so many more memories that I am flooded with when I think about you and your beautiful family: Most of all, I remember the hugs. I will miss your hugs.
I want to thank you and your beautiful family for being a significant part of my childhood. The Flores family is truly a gift and blessing. My sincerest heartfelt condolences ~ Melinda (Mindy) Bergeman

Melinda Bergeman - November 12, 2024 at 01:27 PM

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“ Alex & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas David Flores.



Alex & family - November 11, 2024 at 08:39 PM

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“ I first met Tom when we were kids in high school. Even then he was so in love with his wife Karen. Tom and Karen grew up together and raised a beautiful family. Tom was a stand up guy and a good man. He had a huge heart for animals and was kind to everyone he knew. He will be deeply missed by many. I know his children will gather around his wife and give her strength during this time but I want him to know that I will be keeping an eye on her as well until we all see him again. Rest easy my friend...

Dorothy Line - November 09, 2024 at 06:48 PM

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“ Pat F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas David Flores.

Pat F. - November 09, 2024 at 05:36 PM

PF

“ Karen and Family - Stephen Tang, longtime friend, classmate, and best man to Patrick wants to pass along condolences to you and the family. He wants to let you know that his thoughts are with Mom, my family, you and your children during this difficult time. Instead of flowers, he has donated \$75 to Christ the King Church in honor of Tom. God bless.

Patrick Flores - November 09, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Thomas David Flores.



November 08, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas David Flores.

November 08, 2024 at 08:47 PM