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Joe Benny Chabala was born in Germany. His loving parents John and Rita Chabala brought Joe to America and loved him, encouraged him and raised him to be the loving, talented, and soft spoken man which he became throughout his all too short life.

Joe was a graduate of Hoover High School in 1979. He appreciated his time at Hoover and was a very active member of the Patriot's student body. While at Hoover, Joe found his interest in journalism and prepared himself to major in journalism and pursue a career in mass communications. Joe received a BA in Journalism at California State University, Fresno, in 1985.

After graduating from Hoover, Joe became one of the youngest and one of the first Latino on-air television reporters for Channel 30 Action News. He was a reporter at this local station for eleven years before pursuing a career in public relations.

Joe took on the challenge of being the Public Information's Officer/Director at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum in 1991. He was responsible for the promotion of all museum exhibitions and creating fundraising events for this once premiere arts and educational institution of the valley.

Continuing to advance his career Joe was marketing/promotions director at many radio broadcast groups in Fresno, Bakersfield, Spokane, and Monterey.

Joe Chabala went to his heavenly rest on March 14, 2018 after a long battle with congenital heart disease at the age of 56. He leaves behind his loving brother John, his niece April, his nephew Michael, his godson Chance, and his life long friend Patrick.

In lieu of flowers for Joe's funeral, his family would appreciate monetary contributions to the Joe Chabala Memorial Scholarship which will be an annual scholarship at Hoover High School in memory of this much loved and gifted man. If you wish to contribute to the Joe Chabala Memorial Scholarship contact Patrick Delgado at pdelgado@krusd.org or (559)349-4171.

Joe was a man with a quiet demeanor, artistic soul, and positive loving spirit. His great creativity, advancement in the education/arts field, contributions to journalism, and loving friendship will be greatly missed.

Previous Events

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

APR 5. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
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Funeral Liturgy

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Tribute Wall



“ Joe Benny Chabala

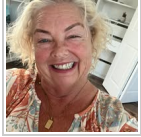
September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *It is so sad when one doesn't keep up with the best friends they've had in their lives, and then find out, as I just did, that they won't have the chance to see them or talk to them again. I worked with Joe at KFSN in Fresno for 3 1/2 years. We had a friendship that was more like a brother-sister relationship. We were best friends and colleagues who worked so well together that often we'd say what each other was thinking. There was no romance, just sincere, deep friendship and love. We kept in touch sporadically after I left Fresno, and when I moved to Seattle he was one of the first of my friends to call me...when I answered the phone in my new home in Kirkland, I heard a familiar voice say "there's a fire at First and Shaw, can you shoot that?" and then we both couldn't talk because we were laughing so hard. That was another thing about Joe...he was funny as heck. I love you Joe, and you will always be in my heart and in my mind. The time and friendship we had together is priceless. I hope you're up there making people laugh and using your god-given talent to write great press releases and stories about your adventures there. Rest in peace, my dear friend. -Lyn Gray, Seattle, WA*



Lyn Gray - January 24, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ I just thought of Joe recently and am so sorry to hear of his passing. We were competitive writing colleagues at City College, vying for that top of the fold page 1 placement :) I am so glad to hear about his successful career. He was a kind and caring person and I know he's very missed.

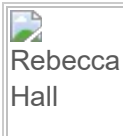


Laura Haverty - November 14, 2018 at 05:18 PM

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“ I just learned of Joe's death in the last few weeks. He worked for me for several years in Monterey and worked for our station in Bakersfield. Joe was one of the kindest and most talented people I have ever met. He was my promotions director and personal assistant for many years. He developed many successful campaigns for the radio stations and clients over the years. He also developed my brand for a winery in Carmel Valley that my partner and I launched in 2006. But Joe's best talent was the gift of himself and his friendship to everyone around him. He had a big heart, a loving spirit, a great sense of humor and an amazing ability to accept and embrace the people around him. I was just going to reach out to him to see how he was doing when a friend in Fresno informed me of his passing. I will miss you Joe. Along with hundreds of other people that are just finding out and our hearts are breaking. We all loved him very much.

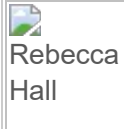
Kathy Baker - May 30, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ *Rebecca Hall lit a candle in memory of Joe Benny Chabala*



Rebecca Hall - April 05, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *My Channel 30 colleague, documentary producer partner, and true friend, Joe, in his early days at Action News. I'll never forget you, Joe.*



Rebecca Hall - April 05, 2018 at 02:19 PM



Joe....such a kind, energetic, supersmart person. So sad to see him go.
 ♥ Cynthia Callaghan

Cynthia Callaghan - April 05, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - April 05, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - April 02, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ *Patrick Delgado lit a candle in memory of Joe Benny Chabala*



Patrick Delgado - March 29, 2018 at 02:38 PM