



## Paul Joseph Ota

November 15, 1976 - November 12, 2017

Paul Joseph Salazar Ota, born in November 1976 and originally from Selma, California, went to be with the Lord Our God and beloved ancestors on November 12, 2017. He was 40 years old.

P.J., as he was known to his family, graduated from San Joaquin Memorial High School in 1994, graduated from UC Berkeley in 1999 with a degree in Ethnic Studies, and obtained his Juris Doctorate from McGeorge School of Law from 2001-2004.

PJ practiced law for ten years before he decided to pursue his life passions. Sadly, his new journey met an all too sudden end.

PJ is survived by his parents Wayne and Jessie Ota; his sister Dr. Felicia Ota, her husband Dr. Robert Boostanfar, and their children Giselle and Blake; his brother, Jonathan Ota, his wife Izumi, and their children Zilin and Kino; and his beloved dog Moto.

A kind, loving, and genuinely heartfelt individual, PJ was loved unconditionally by many friends and his family, most notably his favorite cousin Anne Marie Abernathy; his God Daughter Sienna Abernathy; and his honorary family from the Hapa Issues Forum, UC Berkeley, and the JET Programme.

PJ loved life, trendy restaurants, being outdoors, traveling the world, watching the 49ers, and having great times with the ones he loved.

He spent his life giving, more than taking, and was most happy when he saw the happiness of those around him.

Visitation will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 355 E. Champlain Drive, Fresno, CA on Monday, November 20, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

A graveside committal service will be held at Selma District Cemetery on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Selma District Cemetery

2430 Floral Avenue  
Selma, CA 93662

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
355 E. Champlain  
Fresno, CA 93730

## Recitation of the Holy Rosary

NOV 20. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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## Funeral Mass

NOV 20. 10:30 AM (PT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
355 E. Champlain  
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## Graveside Service

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NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Selma District Cemetery  
2430 Floral Avenue  
Selma, CA 93662

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Joseph Ota*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Joseph Ota.*



November 20, 2017 at 03:27 AM



“ *Ryan Moore purchased the Blue & White Standing Open Heart for the family of Paul Joseph Ota.*



**Ryan Moore** - November 17, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ 123 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - November 16, 2017 at 11:46 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the Ota family. May God's promise at Rev 21:4 bring comfort and strength to you during this difficult time.*

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**Brenda** - November 15, 2017 at 09:01 AM