



Richard Duarte

May 23, 2020

Richard “The Rock” Duarte, 63 of Fresno California, went home to be with the Lord surrounded by his family on May 23, 2020.

Richard Duarte was born in Fresno on September 9th and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1975. He continued his education at Fresno City College then on to Fresno State University.

He worked in construction for over 40 years which brought him to Fresno Roofing where he began a 25-year long career starting as an apprentice, journeyman and then on to the Superintendent. He loved working with his hands and known as a master craftsman of all trades he put his hands to. The Rock was a wordsmith and had excellent communication skills which was one of his many strengths. He was a man of honor who spoke the truth even during adversity and was respected for it.

Throughout his lifetime he exemplified who God was through actions, his one powerful tag line was “You love people not things”. Undoubtedly a man after Gods Own Heart through actions and words. He served his church, community, and those less fortunate, such as the homeless.

His hobbies were classic cars, golfing, a master craftsman at carpentry and was consistently perfecting his yard, enjoyed pruning his Japanese maples

and Sago palms.

His greatest achievement were his children and grandchildren, which filled his heart with joy! He loved spending time watching the Minnesota Vikings with his daughters and known for poking jokes and teasing them all in good fun.... Pure Joy!

Richard Duarte is preceded in death by his Parents Paul & Josephine Duarte as well as brothers Paul Jr. & Steven Duarte.

Richard Duarte is survived by his children: Tiffani Revilla, Melissa Duarte, Jennifer Mercado & son Richard Brandon Duarte. His Grandchildren Makoa Andrade, Christian Veloria, Sophia Revilla, Isabella Thomson, Olivia and Guiliana Revilla, Lincoln and Richard Luke Clark and Santana Mercado. As well as his brothers Carlos and Edward Duarte & sisters Mary Jordan & Helen Diaz.

Viewing will be held June 5, 2020 at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home, 1620 W. Belmont Fresno, Ca 93728 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. An evening service will begin at 7:00 pm with guest speaker, Minister Bobby McGee of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Funeral services will commence June 6, 2020 at Chapel of the Light at 10:00 a.m. Officiating services will be Pastor Nic Pope of Sequoia Church. Interment will follow at Washington Colony Cemetery.

The Celebration of Life will be held at The CPDES Hall, 172 W. Jefferson Avenue, Fresno, CA 93706.

To further honor The Rocks memory, we are asking in lieu of flowers or plants we ask to send all memorial donations to The Monastery of the Holy

Theotokos the Life-Giving Spring, 38526 Dunlap Road, Dunlap California
93675.

The family of Richard Duarte wishes to thank you for your prayers, the lifelong friendships with our father, your unconditional love and support you have given him during his journey.

We know he is resting with our Lord Jesus.

Thank you! The Rock's children – Tiffani, Melissa, Jena and Brandon. God Bless!

Cemetery Details

Washington Colony Cemetery

7318 S. Elm Ave.
Easton, CA 93706

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
michael@chapelofthelight.com
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Evening Service

JUN 5. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Webcast in memory of Richard Duarte*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - June 05, 2020 at 08:23 PM

SR

“ *I was born September 9th 1957 and grew up in Calwa same as Rick. After high school I bumped into him at a few reunions. He really loved classic cars. Unfortunately I was unaware of his passing at the time. You are still remembered Brother Rick!*

Steve Robles - February 18, 2025 at 12:55 AM



“ *Richard Duarte*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM

DJ

“ *To a real true neighbor. Enjoyed many of our talks over the fence. Catching up on all of what the kids we're doing and what was going on with your golf game. We will truly miss you Rick may you RIP until we meet again. Dan & Sandi Johnson*

Dan & Sandi Johnson - June 06, 2020 at 06:24 PM

JG

“ My good friend Rick who i knew for most of my life we were back yard neighbor's he was a great person and will deeply missed by everyone who knew him He had a great personality and was nice to everyone that he met. My deepest sympathy goes out to his beautiful family and my prayers go to all of you. Nutn but love.

Jimmy Gutierrez - June 04, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Your Father always had such a joyful spirit and shining smile. He made those around him feel his warmth for life. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed greatly!

Lynz lam - June 04, 2020 at 07:08 PM

BB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bebe Bornais - June 03, 2020 at 08:03 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bebe Bornais - June 03, 2020 at 07:43 PM

LH

“ Grief, I've learned, is really just love. Its all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes , the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go. I'm so thankful that I got to see you in January and we got to say our good-byes. I love you Ricky. Love Lils

Lillian Hernandez - June 03, 2020 at 05:46 PM

BB

“ I knew The Rock as Ric. We are cousins and most of my memories of him were of times spent when our families got together during the summer. We were all very playful and teasing in nature so there were plenty of laughs! One of my favorite memories was when someone gave Ric a silver dollar for his birthday that he quickly “re-gifted” to me as our birthdays are around the same time. It was such a kind and generous thing for a young person to do and it's one of the highlights of my growing-up years. As adults, I admired Ric for being such a fantastic father. He loves only unconditionally and it's a pleasure to see him in action. As a testimony to his commitment to his children and grandchildren, I remember when he bought himself a luxurious Lexus as a present to himself for having worked so hard all of his life that he soon traded in for a family vehicle to make room for his grandkids. Even his older brother, Carlos, seemed to revere Ric as a younger brother would when he would talk to me about Ric being such a good man and father. I wasn't lucky enough to live in Fresno so I could have had more times without a Ric, but, when you have nothing but love for someone, they live on in your heart in a qualitative way, not quantitative. Ric is an inspiration to us all on how to “love people, not things” as he always loves to say! He did walk his talk! I love you, Ric, and will miss seeing your unique smile!



Bebe Bornais - June 03, 2020 at 05:42 PM

CM

“ Rick you told me years ago that you loved me like a Mother and I'll carry your loving words with me until I see you again! You will forever live in my thoughts and heart❤️

Love you, Aunt Manco

Corinne Medina - June 03, 2020 at 05:32 PM

CO

“ As a parent, we hope the friends of our children welcome our interest in them and their parents. Rick modeled to our daughter what an honorable, wise, hard working, loving man looked like and we are so grateful he was willing to be a part of the village that raised our daughter. We have been blessed with the privilege of his presence in our lives.

*With love and blessings,
Corine and Bret Ross*

Corine - June 03, 2020 at 02:46 PM