



## Thomas A. Tabet

April 7, 1949 - November 30, 2020

1949 -2020

Thomas A. Tabet, passed away on Monday evening, November 30th, due to Covid related complications. He was 71. We embrace a beautiful image of his niece, Cathy, and his mom, Lily, bringing him home to the Lord. Tom graduated from Belen High School in 1967, received his BA from the University of New Mexico in 1971, and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, in 1975. He practiced law in Albuquerque for over three decades. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Lily (Baca) Tabet; brother Herman Tabet; and brother Wilfred Tabet. Tom is survived by his daughter, Celena Tabet, husband Steven Jaquez; his son, Jeffrey Thomas Tabet, partner Jeremy Jimenez; his grandchildren, Miguel, Gabriella, and Aria; siblings Dolores (Eugene) Schiess, Fidel Tabet, Gloria Trujillo, Lorena (Gilbert) Sanchez, and Richie (Sue) Tabet; and his wife, Michelle Tabet. Tom is also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the Staff, especially Tom's caregivers Emi and Gary, for the extra special care they provided for him during his almost eleven year stay at Manzano del Sol. Tom's children would like to give a special thank you and blessing to Dolores and Eugene Schiess, Tom's guardian angels, who made sure that he was comfortable, well cared for, and that all his needs were met. As we have received many, many calls, cards and texts of condolences for Tom's death, we reflect on the common themes we received of Tom's life. Over and over we heard "he was such a good guy..., he

helped me and my family out of difficult situations..., he loved his children.”  
Trying to reconcile our loss, we believe Tom’s final message to us would be to live life to the fullest. Tom would tell you that if you have a problem with drugs and alcohol, get help. If you obtain sobriety, work at it everyday like your life depends on it, because it does. If you are hurt or angry with someone, forgive them and don’t give up on them. Life is short and family is everything.  
Services will be announced later as the family works out details because of Covid limitations. Please sign Tom's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhome.com](http://www.romerofuneralhome.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Michelle & Family; Tommy's Loving Siblings,*

*It is always a nameless sadness and tears that roll when a loved one passes on. But in time, rest does come to unlock grieving hearts. I suppose comfort comes knowing that a loved one in keeping with his/her faith lives in that continuity found only in eternal life.*

*Tommy is now at rest enjoying the benefits that come with the faithful. He is now in the hands of God. May he rest peacefully in eternity.*

*I send sincere condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself.*

*Oscar S. Ramirez*



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**Oscar Ramirez** - December 21, 2020 at 01:03 AM

SH

“ *Tommy was one of my classmates all through school, from elementary to high school. Of course, after graduation from high school, we all go our separate ways, but still have a place in our hearts.*

*Rest in peace, my friend.*

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**Scott Hanan** - December 18, 2020 at 09:07 PM

MF

“ Tom and I were fraternity brothers (Sigma Phi Epsilon) from the late 1960s through the early 1970s. I'll always remember Tom's laugh, smile, and good cheer. Tom and I went our separate ways after graduation and so lost track of each other. My sympathies to his family and please know that even after all these years I will miss him!

*Mike Foris*

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**Mike Foris** - December 17, 2020 at 11:58 AM

 Jose Trujillo

“ Rest in peace my friend,

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**Jose Trujillo** - December 16, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MS

“ I would like to send my condolences to the Tabet Family in particular Celena and Jeffrey. Your dad as a wonderful man willing to help any in need. I will forever be grateful to him, Elena, Celena and Jeffrey for being so generous of themselves when I was in need.

*Mark Smith*

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**Mark A. Smith** - December 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM

VD

“ Victoria And Gary Dorobiala lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Tabet



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**Victoria and Gary Dorobiala** - December 14, 2020 at 06:04 PM

VD

*REST IN PEACE TOMMY*

**Victoria & Gary Dorobiala** - December 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM

CA

“ *Condolences to the Tabet family on the passing of Tom. He was such a smart and handsome man, know he will be sorely missed. Sending thoughts and prayers from the Apodaca Family. Clara Apodaca.*

**Clara Apodaca** - December 13, 2020 at 02:13 PM

TN

“ *Tom helped me through a terrible time, and we will always remember him. He loved golf and was at his best at the golf course. Tom & Lee Nielsen PGA*

**Tom & Lee Nielsen** - December 12, 2020 at 08:46 AM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Tabet*



**Beverly Castillo** - December 10, 2020 at 04:42 PM

JT

“ *John & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Tabet*



**John & Donnita Thompson** - December 09, 2020 at 02:40 AM

KG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Tommy Tabet family. He was a good friend and I will always cherish the time we spent together. Rest In Peace my Friend .*

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**Kenneth Griego** - December 08, 2020 at 05:52 PM

DS

“ *Donald Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Tabet*



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**Donald Sanchez** - December 08, 2020 at 05:14 PM

JT

“ *Rest in Tommy Tabet*



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**James Tabet** - December 08, 2020 at 02:41 PM

AK

“ *Angela Koenig lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Tabet*



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**Angela Koenig** - December 08, 2020 at 09:40 AM

RT

“ *May he be forever in the presence of our Lord. Rest in peace Tommy.*

**Reneé Tabet** - December 08, 2020 at 01:24 AM

JC

“ *It is with sincere sadness to hear of Tommy's passing, we were birthday buddies as we were both born in April. I would always tease him that he was one week older. He was one of the smartest, most caring person of the Class of 67. He will forever be missed. Condolences to all of his loved ones. RIP!*

**JoAnne Aragon Chavez** - December 07, 2020 at 10:19 PM

MD

*With prayers and sympathy to Celena, Steven, Miguel, Gabby, and Aria, Lisa, our daughter, loved to play cards with your dad when she was little. Tom loved my coconut cream pie. With love, David, Margaret and Lisa from Evansville, IN*

**Margaret Douglas** - December 08, 2020 at 11:02 AM

MD

*With prayers and sympathy to Jeffrey, I have good memories of your dad. I saw him grow up. We had a good time when we visited in Washington, DC. God bless you!*

**Margaret Douglas** - December 08, 2020 at 11:11 AM

LM

*My prayers are with Tom's family. I worked with him in the late 70's, and had so much respect for Tom. He made a beautiful difference in this world, May he Rest In Peace.*

**Linda Marsh** - December 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

TZ

*I had known Tommy since we were in college together. He was always upbeat and friendly with virtually everyone he met. Although his life took a tragic turn eleven years ago, when I visited him at Manzano, it was clear to me that he had that same countenance that he always had. Rest in Peace, Brother*

**Tom Zanotti** - December 13, 2020 at 01:28 PM

SC

“ *My Condolences to each and everyone of you!! He now in Peace Celebrating in Heaven! God be with all!*



**Sarah Cordova** - December 07, 2020 at 08:18 PM

YT

“ *Our deepest condolences to Tommy's family and all the Tabet family. Yvonne Tabet and John Kirkpatrick Family.*



**Yvonne Tabet** - December 07, 2020 at 08:02 PM

PT

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Celena, Jeff and the whole family! Sending hugs and love to you all!*



**Philip and Patricia Termini** - December 07, 2020 at 07:22 PM

DV

*Praying that The Lord's comforting love surrounds the family.  
Tom was one of Roberts oldest friends. He took the photos for our  
wedding and did a beautiful job on them. We will always cherish this  
gift he gave us.*

*May he rest in peace with perpetual light upon him.*

*Doris and Robert Vialpando*

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**Doris and Robert Vialpando** - December 07, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in  
memory of Thomas A. Tabet*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - December 07, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DT

“ *Debbie Tabet lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas A. Tabet*



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**Debbie Tabet** - December 07, 2020 at 06:21 PM

DT

*Rest In Peace Uncle Tommy 🙏💕🕊️*

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**Debbie Tabet** - December 07, 2020 at 06:22 PM

MK

“ *Marilyn Kaneshiro lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas A. Tabet*



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**Marilyn Kaneshiro** - December 07, 2020 at 06:02 PM