



## Benjamin Tavera

May 20, 1954 - February 13, 2018

Ben Tavera, of Longwood, Florida, passed away, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, who was his partner of 15 years and wife of 5 years. He is also survived by his daughter Gloria Tavera, son Matt Tavera, stepchildren Kim, Susan, Brian and Steven, his sisters Raquel and Ruth, brothers Florentino and David and many loving nieces, nephews and extended family. Ben was a loving father, husband and friend to all.

Ben was born in Puebla, Mexico, to leaders of The United Methodist Church. As a young man, Ben traveled to study at the University of Evansville in Indiana, earning a political science degree. He continued his education at the University of Florida and Rollins College. He immigrated to the United States, becoming a citizen and serving as a member of the Army in the Persian Gulf War. He returned home suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which he managed successfully for many years, incorporating mediation and contemplative prayer into his life. Ben became a member of the Roman Catholic Church at Annunciation in 2005. He also enjoyed biking, swimming and working out at the gym.

Ben was a versatile musician, bringing liveliness and joy to many gatherings and in his own home with piano, guitar and accordion. He was also a member

of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A perennial student, some of Ben's favorite topics were international relations, philosophy and religion.

It is with overwhelming sadness that his family faces the loss of their beloved philosopher, musician and dreamer.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **18**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Conocí a Benjamín en 1982 Cuando me integre a una parte de su familia pues me hice primero novio y después esposo de su prima hermana Sarita San Martin Romero.

De niños ambas familias eran muy unidas y compartían muchos espacios de la vida a pesar de las diferencias en edades. Sarita me comentaba , que Benjamín desde muy joven era una persona inquieta por los temas sociales y podría uno entablar una conversación profundidad con el dado que leía mucho y era alguien al tanto del acontecer del mundo. Posteriormente conocimos a su familia , su primera pareja y a su hija e hijo .

Cuando tomo la decisión de ir a la guerra por supuesto que nos preocupo y estuvimos al tanto y en oración ; las guerras siempre traen secuelas y vimos como lo afecto en su vida personal y familiar: sin embargo supo salir adelante y formar una nueva familia y rehacer su nueva vida. En un memorable viaje hacia 1998 a Florida y Disney como regalo a nuestra hija Sarita al concluir la primaria fue nuestro anfitrión y nos acompañó en esa travesía inolvidable.

Sabíamos por el de los logros de sus hijos y siempre se mantuvo pendiente de nuestros logros y vicisitudes .

Finalmente sus últimos años fueron llenos de paz y de creatividad.

Su obra en esta tierra es patente

y tenemos la confianza de que esta en los brazos del padre bueno

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