



Thomas L. Torres Jr.

July 24, 1931 - August 13, 2020

Deacon Thomas L. Torres Jr was born on July 24, 1931 and was called home by Our Heavenly Father on August 13, 2020 at the age of 89. He was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas where he attended Hidalgo Elementary School and in 1948, he graduated from Thomas Edison High School. Thomas continued his education at St. Mary's University and earned a Bachelors in Business Administration. He served in the United States Air Force from August 1948-1952, where he obtained the rank of Airman First Class. While serving, he earned the Japan Occupation Medal, Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

Deacon Torres began his ministry as part the Cursillo Movement at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He was also in The Third Order of St. Francis. Thomas being a part of the Third Order of St. Francis made a profession to live out the Gospel life and commit themselves to living out of the Gospel according to the example of St. Francis. Like St. Francis, Deacon Torres lived his life with Humility, Love and Joy.

Deacon Torres was ordained in 1977 and was the first Deacon at St. Leo's Catholic Church. He served as a Deacon for 37 and a half years. One of his proudest moments was when he was chosen to serve at the Papal Mass with Pope John Paul II in September 1987. In 2006, Deacon Torres, attended his first ACTS retreat at St. John Berchmans Catholic Church, where later he was

asked to serve as a Team member.

On October 26, 1958, he married his loving and supportive wife Laura Margarita. Deacon Torres and Laura were blessed with four children.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Laura M. Torres; daughter, Laura T. Garza; son & daughter in law, Tomas Torres III & Ingrid Torres; daughter & son in law, Claudia T. Campa & Eddie Campa; daughter & son in law, Adriana T. Suarez & David Suarez.

Deacon Torres is also survived by his grandchildren; Larry Garza (Erica) Crystal C. Martinez (Chris) Julie N. Campa, Edward T. Campa (Abigail), David G. Suarez (Adriana) Nolan R. Suarez (Lyndsey), Adam Torres (Jessica), Justin Suarez (Ashley), Alec M. Suarez (Jennifer) & Arianna Suarez. Sisters include, Sarah T. Lewis, Helen T. Lozano & brother, Manuel Torres. Deacon Torres had 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Rosary will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 7:15 PM at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 12:45 PM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Private interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Deacon Torres name to St. Leo's Catholic Church.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be limited seating for both the Rosary and the Funeral Mass. For everyone's safety, face coverings are mandatory and social distancing shall be practiced.

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG **23**. 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
1710 Clower Street
San Antonio, TX 78201

Funeral Mass

AUG **26**. 12:45 PM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
4401 S. Flores
San Antonio, TX 78214

Private Services

AUG **26** (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



Adriana
Suarez

“ I miss and love you so much Papi. I wish this was a dream 🥰😭

Adriana Suarez - September 16, 2020 at 11:27 PM

DS

“ our heartfelt sympathy to the family. I knew Thomas and respected his service to the people of God. May God Bless all of you. Deacon charles & Stella Pope Sr Ph 210 921 0472. God Bless

Deacon Charles & Stella Pope Sr - August 27, 2020 at 02:47 PM

DN

“ Deacon Tom was one of my students in the Diaconate Formation Program. He became a colleague and we always sought one another out at deacon retreats and meetings. He lived his faith and calling wonderfully. My prayers for all of you now and each day in the future. God bless, Deacon Richard Neville
Through Love and Humility

Deacon Richard Neville - August 25, 2020 at 01:46 PM

CC

“ Claudia Campa sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas L. Torres Jr.



Claudia Campa - August 24, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Claudia Campa - August 24, 2020 at 03:09 PM

CC

Papi, thank you for all your love. You have shown not only me but my family how to be humble like you always have. Thank you for showing us how to pray, how to have Faith and how to help each other. Thank you for being a great dad, grandfather & great grandfather. Although we miss you so much, we know you are being a Deacon to God and you are still continuing what you always love to do and that is to serve. Until we meet again, continue to watch over us. I love you Papi ❤️❤️



Claudia Campa - August 24, 2020 at 03:19 PM



Adriana
Suarez

“ Miss you Papi. Can't believe this is true. Please help me I love you



Adriana Suarez - August 23, 2020 at 11:19 AM

TI

“ Tomas Torres III sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas L. Torres Jr.



Tomas Torres III - August 23, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *Dee Dee Salazar lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. Torres Jr.*



Dee Dee Salazar - August 23, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *Jo Ann Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. Torres Jr.*



Jo Ann Jaramillo - August 23, 2020 at 09:57 AM



Our deepest condolences from the Jaramillo family

Jo Ann Jaramillo - August 23, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers for the family. God Strong.*



Sally Garza - August 23, 2020 at 06:21 AM

GL

“ Grace Lopez lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. Torres Jr.



Grace Lopez - August 23, 2020 at 01:41 AM

GL

“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy to all the family, he was a great man of faith in our Lord. Fond memories growing up living next door, walking over in the morning to get a ride to school , the parents hanging out on holidays. Such a loving father to his children. May you rest in peace Mr. Torres, hug my Mom and Dad for me!

Grace Lopez - August 23, 2020 at 01:32 AM

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“ *Papi I wish this was a dream. I miss you so much please give me the strength to get through this difficult days we are about to face. I don't know how to live life without you. I love you* 💔😭



Adriana Suarez - August 23, 2020 at 01:13 AM