



Tom J Sineni

October 26, 1943 - January 31, 2010

THOMAS J. SINENI

Born in Buffalo, NY on October 26, 1943 and found his real home in San Antonio, Texas in the early 1970's. He built a successful real estate practice, United Commercial Realty. Tom's company was patterned after the Henry S. Miller Company founded in 1916 where he was a partner and stockholder. Tom, his wife, Guyla, and longtime business associate, Mike Gribble, set up UCR in 1993. This was Tom's single most important business achievement. It was Tom's vision to build a family company in which he could always be proud.

Today, UCR and its partners are the most honorable and longstanding real estate professionals in the State.

He greatly cared for his family. As his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law grew up, got married and had their own families, he and Guyla took on the roles of Matriarch and Patriarch of the family. Tom's two natural children became Guyla's as well. Together they enjoyed all of the trials and tribulations of raising a family.

His son, Michael Sineni, is married happily to Tammie, a native Texan whom he met in his adopted state of Colorado. Michael is a true adventurer unlike his father. He revels in the outdoors, hiking, climbing, biking, racing and worked in the retail area of this industry. He also had an exciting fling in law enforcement but his wife put a stop to this. Today he works for a multinational

company in the oil and gas industry as a pipeline engineer.

His daughter, Erin, finished her High School days in Houston with her mother. In the late 1990's she met a young man, Brad Mitchell, and they took traditional vows of marriage and she took on the responsibility to help raise their 2 ½ year old daughter, Skyla. In early 2000, they moved to San Antonio at much to Tom and Guyla's delight and on April 8, 2005, a wonderful child was born and a great change came over the family with Avery Kate Mitchell. She made an indelible mark on her Pampaw and GuyGuy. They find the time they spend with her brings happiness to all.

Sineni is survived by family members in Buffalo, NY, including his Aunt, Marie Pellegrino, first cousins, Russell Pellegrino and his wife Marge, Michelle White and her husband, Ed and Rene Peller and Bennie Pacone. Also surviving are his extended family including his sisters-in-law, Sharan Rawson, Lisa Harmon and niece Rebecca Harmon of San Antonio, sister-in-law Barbara Dorsey and husband Craig and sons Peyton and Tommy of Fishers, Indiana.

Sineni was Rey Feo 2004 and raised over \$150, 000 for college scholarships.

SERVICES

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in his honor to Thrive Well Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 29331, For Research, San Antonio, Texas 78229 or online at www.thrivewell.org, or to the University of Texas at San Antonio College of Business.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Sam Brown - I first met Tom in 1973 when we worked together in San Antonio for the Henry S. Miller Company. I enjoyed working with Tom but I left HSM to move back to Houston. Tom was an honorable man and I'm sorry that I did not keep up with his life*

Sam Brown - October 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I have not been in touch with Tom for years, but it brings tears to my eyes that he has left us.*

Why? - because he was the only person I have met in the real estate business that understood the meaning of relationships.

From the first time, you coul

Rober Pacult - November 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Today I have come to tears in learning of Tom's death. I worked for Tom from 1997 through May 2000. The day I met with Tom to announce my resignation, both Tom and I came to tears. I loved working with the UCR team, and I know Tom cared for me deeply. I w*

Chris Hancock - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Dear Guyla, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was such a driving force behind a significant part of San Antonio's major development projects. Tom was known as a leader of leaders and a man of great integrity. May God bless you and comfort you d*

Dode - March 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My deepest sympathy, I do apologize as I have just learned of Tom's passing. He was a true inspiration in the real estate industry in San Antonio, he will be greatly missed. My prayers to his family and friends.

Katherine Diver Hines - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ dear guyla and family, our hearts go out to everyone in mourning in this time of need. i met tom abt 26 years ago and he was a extremely nice man &even though i did not see him to often until my dad got involved in rey feo i do reminence going to their

danny weiner - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Over the many years we'd known one another, Tom was a friend, colleague, and client. In everything, he was a bright shining star and his afterglow will remain always beaming in many, many ways. My deepest condolences go to Guyla and her family.

Paul R. Rossbach - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Guyla,

I was deeply saddened to hear about Tom's death. He was such a warm sensitive person and he will truly be missed by all. I offer you and your family my sincerest condolences and I will remember both you and Tom in my prayers.

Sister S

Sister Schodts Reed - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Guyla, Just a note to extend my thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Tom was a wonderful guy an a great community and business leader who was quiet and unassumng. He was always most gracious and kind to me as were you. I am sorry I could not make*

John Calhoon - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Guyla,
The San Antonio landscape and all of us benefited from yours and Toms visions of what San Antonio could be. May your beautiful memories of him sustain you through your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Dell H. Gibson - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *At Tom’s memorial service today I was surrounded by familiar faces from the real estate community. Many of them, like me, owed so much of their success to Tom’s mentorship. Afterward, I couldn’t help but reflect on Mike Hogan’s ref*

Daniel Briggs - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *To the Sineni family;

Tom made such a positive impression on so many of us, his grace, wisdom and leadership will be truly missed. He is in a far better place and we will have only the good memories of him. It is always harder on the ones left behind.*

Mike and Linda Lackey - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *FONDLY REMEMBERING TOM -AND THE HARD WORK AND GOOD TIMES WE HAD CREATING THE CHARITY BOXING EVENTS FOR THE BOYS' CLUBS. GUYLA, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.*

WILLIAM N. MAYO - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *Mary and I send our condolences to the Sineni family and to all who were touched by such a good man.*

Will Worth - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ *My heart and prayers are with you and your family in these tough times . We will all miss such a good and caring man. Dr. Ernst & Staff of North Central Veterinary Hospital SATX.*

Herbert L. Ernst - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Guyla & Family;
We are deeply saddened to hear about Tom's passing. Blanca was remembering recently how much she enjoyed working with Tom on his Rey Feo campaign. It was a pleasure for both of us to know him.
We will keep him and all of you in our pray*

Blanca Cervantes & Armando Rocha - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Guyla,
My condolences to you and your family. May the happy memories of how Tom lived and laughed and loved sustain you in the days ahead. I know your world will never be the same since he left.
Sincerely,
Stephanie Reed

Stephanie Reed - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My deepest condolences go to you and your family and I'm sorry and I could not be there. I knew Tommy as the "Godfather", though I didn't know him very well he must of been a good man. But of course he was as he is my godfather and my parents chose the cr

John Sciolino - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ You all are in our prayers.

Bryan & JJ McCarty - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Guyla and Family,

As you know Tom was a prince of a man who became a King. Taking us into your fiesta family showed us his noble and generous character. He epitomized fiesta royalty, helping the community, making friends, having fun with his ready and

Norma & Fernando Reyes - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I can't say enough about Tom's spirit, generosity, warmth and sense of caring. The tally of his attributes runs as long as his list of accomplishments. His contributions to the city and the industry are renowned.

He was a favorite client, a

Jan Almon - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ It is with sincere sadness that Melissa and I offer our condolences to Guyla and the entire Sineni family on our dear friend Tom's untimely passing. Our grief is tempered by the many joyful times we shared with Tom and Guyla. Our friendship took us to m

Charles and Melissa Barrett - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Guyla,

I will not be able to be with you Thursday, but wanted you and your family to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom was a great guy and we all will miss him.

*Sincerely,
Charlie Jeffers*

Charles L. Jeffers - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Though I was friends with Brad and Erin for many years, I just recently REALLY got to know Tom when I moved back to San Antonio 2 years ago. Being new to San Antonio and starting a new business, Tom advised me on how to run a biz, how to keep running a bi

Ronny - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Tom was a loyal friend and a honest competitor and leader in the real estate business. My condolences to Guyla and his family.

Henry Roberts - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ While writing, I am also staring at a picture of Tom and me at Lackland in 2004. Sitting next to the picture is a mounted crystal horse Tom gave me that Fiesta. Looking at that picture and the horse, my mind wanders back to sixteen days of fun for me, Nan

Edward Steves - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ It was an honor to serve with Tom in the Consejo organization. He was a friend and mentor and will be deeply missed. Sincere condolences to Guyla and family.

Bill Dante - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Guyla, Erin and Michael, I am so sorry for the loss of Tom. Guyla, you and Tom have meant a lot to me and to the real estate industry that we all work in. My time working on Tom's Rey Feo committee were some of the best moments we shared together and I w

Ron Smith - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Guyla: I am so sorry for your loss. I met Tom through Tracy Mowder when Tom was Rey Feo. He was someone I respected and admired for his business sense and his hard work. I would enjoy talking to him when I would go to see Tracy. God Bless you and you*

Jerry & Tiffany Buecher - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Hello Guyla, my heart sank last night when I learned of Tom's passing. I spoke to Charles and he told me you were coping as best as can be expected. I have always admired both you and Tom and my heart is broken for you and Tom's children. I will always ch*

Andree Benson Seeger - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Tom. So hard to believe. The memories go back to when I worked for him and Gribble at Henry S. Miller Company. A few of us put together what was going on after numerous times when Guyla was absent the same time Tom was absent*

Jessie Johnston - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Dear Guyla,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Tom fondly from your wedding and other family events. He was always watching over and caring for everyone. How fortunate you are to have had him in your life for so long. My love and deep heartfelt*

James Maxwell - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ GUYLA & FAMILY,
We are deeply saddened by Tom's death. It seems only a short time ago we were enjoying his good humor on visits to San Antonio and at ULI/IDRC meetings around the country. He was a friend, trusted advisor and supporter. May he rest in

Don Williams & Sally Dwyer - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ He was Mr. REAL ESTATE in SA.....and took it to the next level. Condolences from Vance Miller, Sam Kartalis, Ray Utley, Robert Grunnah.
They may not be able to attend.

Keith Coelho - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I extend my condolences to all the family--Guyla, Erin and Mike from the bottom of my heart. My business would not be where it is today if Tom hadn't talked me into moving into 1901 NW Military Hwy. Like a true mentor he said to me 2 1/2 years ago "you

Mae Escobar - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Guyla, Erin and family,

Tom was such a good guy. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. You have our deepest sympathy,

Sue and Bill

Sue and Bill Kopplin - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Although distance has separated us, I've always held Tom and Guyla in my heart. Tom was not only a favorite client, but a dear friend.

His contributions to the real estate industry and the City of San Antonio are legendary. He was fun, generous, and

Vicki Pitluk - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Tom and I were together @ an ICSC convention, I believe in San Francisco when we met Guyla and a friend of hers for the first time. Shortly thereafter, love blossomed into a long lasting relationship and marriage for Tom and Guyla. Prior to that time, To

Sam Kartalis - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Erin, I am so very sorry about the loss of your wonderful father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Sue Wahl - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ With my deepest condolences to the Sineni family. Tom was a true gentleman and respected leader in the business community. I had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him through the Real Estate Council and the Rey Feo/Consejo program. He leaves

Aaron J. Seaman - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ With deepest sympathy to the family of Tom Sineni. On behalf of the members and Phillip M. Reyes, Jr, LULAC Council #2 President.

Phillip M. Reyes, Jr. - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ With deepest sympathy to the family of Tom Sineni. On behalf of the members and Tom Sandoval, Rey Feo Scholarship, Inc, Corporate President

Tom Sandoval - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Dear Guyla, Erin and Michael, I am so, so sad. My entire life I have known you all and my entire life I have had a second dad to pick on me. I loved him so much and loved that he was such a great pal to my father. You all had a wonderful husband and father

Kelley Liserio - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Guyla, "Our love and prayers " are with you and your family. Tom was a wonderful and respected man, he will be truly missed.

George Monita - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IA

“ Please accept our most heartfelt condolences. We share your grieve with our prayers for you and your family.

Isaac Ayala - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Guyla, Tom meant so much to me over the years. We shared laughter, tears, hunting, times at Horseshoe Bay and just hanging out. We both lost our true friend and he will be greatly missed. Please know that I will always be a phone call away if not clo

Randy Harig - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Tom. He had been one of my heros in the real estate industry from the first time I met him, many years ago. My best to the family at this time,
Bill

William Chandler - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Guyla, I have such fond memories of you and Tom at UCR, and how the two of you made such a dynamic couple. He loved you so much. My prayers and warmest thoughts are with you.

Angie Greer - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Our hearts go out to Tom's family. Remember all the great memories.

Perry Family - February 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM