

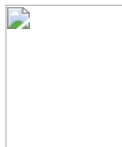


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Thomas Marquez Sr.

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Marquez Sr., Thomas Joseph Thomas Joseph Marquez, 70, passed away Sunday, October 19, 2008. Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Tom was a resident of Dallas for 48 years. He was born April 7, 1938, in Durango, Colorado to Tom and Aurora Candeleria Marquez. Growing up as the son of a cattle trader, Tom grew to embrace and embody the spirit of his home state. He graduated from Durango High School in 1955. Tom nurtured a passion for the University of Notre Dame as a young boy. When he was accepted to the University, his dreams were realized. While attending, he was a starting pitcher for the Notre Dame baseball team. He graduated from the University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1959. Tom moved to Dallas in the fall of 1959 to pursue his M.B.A. at Southern Methodist University. While there, he met the love of his life, Carolyn Gustafson. They wed in Dec- ember, 1961, and settled in Dallas. Tom started his career in sales at I.B.M. Shortly after joining the company he left to join Ross Perot as his first employee at EDS. Over the span of 22 years he served in numerous executive capacities. While at EDS, Tom was a leader in efforts to bring attention to the plight of the P.O.W.s in Viet Nam, helping to negotiate better treatment for the prisoners and ultimately, their release. Tom had a lifelong passion for the game of golf, which was highlighted when he won the 1983 Bob Hope Desert Classic Pro-Am. Tom sat on numerous non-profit boards over decades of service to his community, often focusing on education. He was especially proud of his involvement with the Texas War on Drugs. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Aurora, his sister Helen Marquez Mercurio and her husband, Richard Mercurio. Tom is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 47 years and their children; Thomas Joseph Marquez, Jr. and his wife, Kate Rose, Jonathan Rupert Marquez, Stephanie Marquez Logan and her husband, Ben, of Dallas, Texas, and Merideth Marquez Henley and her husband Grant, of Austin, Texas. He will be greatly missed by his precious grandchildren, Luke Jordan Logan, Sam Marquez Logan, Joshua Benjamin Logan, and Barbara Olivia Marquez all of Dallas, Texas. He is also survived by his sister, Anna Marie Marquez, of Charlotte, North Carolina. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 22, 6- 7:30 p.m. and the Rosary will be prayed at 7:30, Sparkman/ Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 W. Northwest Highway. A Celebration Mass will be held Thursday, October 23, 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Road, Dallas, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to Heroes for Children: 1701 North Collins, Ste. 240, Richardson, Texas, 75080, heroesforchildren.org, or a charity of your choice.

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