



Thomas Vargas

March 3, 1988 - October 13, 2010

Thomas (Tomm) A. Vargas, 22, passed away on October 13, 2010 in San Jose, CA. Tomm was born on March 3, 1988 in Crawfordsville, IN, the son of Eileen J. Bewley of Indianapolis, and Walter A. Vargas, of Indianapolis. Tomm was a 2006 graduate of Pike High School, where he was a member of the band, which developed his life long love of music, playing both saxophone and guitar. Tomm was a full time student at De Anza College in Cupertino, CA, where he was majoring in Child Development. Tomm loved giving of himself and working with others. Working at Damar Inc. in Indianapolis and Camp Costanoan in Cupertino, CA, he was able to impact the lives of many young people. Tomm combined this passion with his love for biking, running, and outdoor activities by volunteering with the San Jose Bike Party, a community-unity effort. Tomm competed in both the Chicago and San Francisco marathons, several Indianapolis Mini Marathons, and was a regular participant in the Wheeler Mission Drum Stick Dash, as well as numerous other triathalons and fun runs. A diehard Colts fan, Tomm loved attending games and watching every game even while living in California. Tomm's easy-going and loving demeanor will be missed by all his friends and family. In addition to hisparents, Tomm is survived by loving family members including: step-father Wayne Bewley; sister, Nicole Kuroiwa (Josh); niece and nephew Mara and Grant Kuroiwa; grandparents, Dale Hepfer of Bloomington and Aida Vargas of Brownsburg; aunts and uncles, Amy Farmer (Jay) of Fishers, Greg Hepfer (Nasrin) of Bloomington, Paul Hepfer (Linda Schortz) of

Cupertino, CA, and Sussy Goff of Brownsburg, IN. Visitation will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St Rd. 37, Bloomington, IN, 47401 on Thursday, October 21, 2010 from 5-8 p.m.. Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 221 E. 6th St., Bloomington, IN at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 22, 2010. Memorial contributions can be made in support of Tomm's passion, helping children in camp settings, at The Kids to Camp Program, Estrella Family Services, In Memory of Tomm Vargas, 1155 Meridian Ave., Suite 110, San Jose, CA, 95125.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ I worked with Tomm at Camp Costanoan in the summer of 2006 and met up with him afterwards for a road trip from his home to Chicago. He was a friendly and outgoing and a larger than life bloke. I'll always remember nights out in San Francisco with fondness. He was a gentle soul and a poet and will be missed. My thoughts are with his family and friends. I hope you are well.

Thomas Badlan - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ Eileen and Nicole, I hope you find some bit of comfort knowing Tomm touched so many lives. All the great memories of Tomm and Kyle wrestling and playing legos!!! The stuff their little minds thought of!! lol Nicole, you are an awesome daughter, sister, friend, and mom. I pray you find piece as a family and know we love you.

Cheryl Armstrong - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ Eileen and Nicole,

My heart goes out to you both and your families. I met Tomm at a very young age when I used to babysit him and Nicole in Nashua, New Hampshire. I got a call from Oscar in Conneticut with the sad news. I sure he will be missed by everyone, he was a wonderful yound man. Love, Manuel / Gloria / Oscar & Mimi

Manuel Venegas - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CL

“ To Tomms family,
My deepest sympathy goes out to you at this hard time. I met Tomm in 2006 at Camp Costanoan and immediately got on with him. He became a good friend, a confident, a shoulder to cry on and much more. I came to Indiana that summer and stayed at your house and had one of the most amazing experiences with him. Even though we only got to briefly see each other over the summers after that we greeted each other like old friends. He will be sorely missed by many and always remembered with a smile on his face.
My thoughts are with you,
Cleo Dibb

Cleo Dibb - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DA

“ Dear Eileen and Nicole,
Even though Tomm and I grew distant over the past few years during high school and college, I still consider him to be a huge part of my life. I fondly remember the times we had during sailing camp and aviation challenge, as well as the countless times my friends and I from St. Malachy spent the night over at his house... I remember these days so well because of how Tomm managed to find fun and enjoyment in virtually any situation. If it was not for Tomm, I would have never discovered my hobbies of sailing and scuba diving nor grown to enjoy music the way I do now. People like Tomm who selflessly give so much are hard to come by and for that I am thankful to have had the opportunity to know him. I will certainly miss him. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts.
Sincerely,
Daniel Chris Howey

Daniel Howey - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

VA

“ *Eileen*
I couldn't believe it when I found out. He was a great guy. I can't find the words to express my sympathies. May God help you cope with the loss!
My prayers are with you!

Varin Sahi - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ *Eileen and Nicole,*

My heart goes out to you and your family at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
If ever you need anything please call.

Margaret Brunk - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

RO

“ *I met Tom when he was younger I worked at Fedex with his dad Walter. What I remember most about Tom was his blonde hair and blue eyes, and he had a lot of energy. I know it hurts but Tom is in good hands, he is with God smiling down on everyone saying "Don't be sad I'm doing well!" My thoughts and prayers are with you, Walter, my friend and co-worker, stay strong and God Bless!*
Rochelle (Momma!)

Rochelle White - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

AN

“ *Dear Eileen and Nicole and family,*

We knew Tomm when he was a St. Malachy school boy who hadn't yet grown into his big smile. Maybe he never could have! Our trip to Washington, D.C. with Nicole chaperoning is a very fond memory for me. It seemed all of Tomm's classmates were jealous of his good fortune in having such a cool sister along.

Monica and I send you our prayers. That's the best that we can offer and we pray they bring you some comfort in this awful loss.

*With love,
Annette Lee*

Annette Lee - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

SH

“ *Eileen*

My heart goes out to you and your family.

I remember the good times we had with the kids in marching band and Tomm's beautiful smile.

I'm at a loss for words Eileen.

You are in my thoughts and prays.

Sherry Wells - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

GI

“ To Tomm's family, he is going to be missed more than you know. Although we had fallen out of touch more recently I have very wonderful memories of working with him at Camp Costanoan. His ability to connect with children and adults with disabilities was exceptional. I was blessed to serve with him. He even came to Bloomington one time to visit and met an individual, Trevor, that I served there. I remember Trevor loved Tomm immediately and the memory of that experience warms my heart when I think about it. I think ultimately that will be Tomm's legacy, his ability to love others unconditionally.

You all are in my prayers in this difficult time. I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person.

Gin Travis - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

KS

“ Eileen, I am so sorry for your loss. Your son seemed like a really great person, and he must have touched many lives. I know he will be greatly missed. I will keep you in my prayers.

Kathy (Barnes) Street - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DR

“ To Tomm's loving family ~
May your faith give you strength,
may your memories bring you comfort,
and may God's love bring you peace!
Thinking of all of you!

Don & Rita Novak - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM