



Dominic Torcasso

October 15, 1925 - August 21, 2020

Dominic Torcasso, a resident of Heath, TX, passed away on August 21, 2020, at the age of 94. He was born on October 15, 1925, in Alhambra, CA, to Dominic Torcasso, Sr. and Gertrude Knott Torcasso. He spent 60 years married to his lovely wife, Valerie, with whom he proudly raised three children in San Marino, CA. Dominic received his bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University and his master's degree from the University of Southern California. He enjoyed a fulfilling career with the LA Unified School District, primarily working as a secondary school counselor. Dominic served his nation in the army during World War II and held local community leadership positions. His hobbies included snow skiing, reading, and, most notably, bicycling. In 1948, he wore the yellow jersey in the Tour de France. He is best known for his sense of humor and will be missed greatly.

Dominic is survived by his children: Mickey Torcasso and his wife Tina, and Lisa Torcasso Downing and her husband, Bret; grandchildren: Krista, Tyler, Matthew, Sydney, William, Rachel, and David; great-grandchildren: Luna and Charlotte; and an extended family who love him very much. He was preceded in death by his wife, Valerie Torcasso, and son, Mark Torcasso.

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Dear Lisa and family,

My deepest condolences to Dominic's family. I met Lisa and Mike once or twice at the church; a few times when you'd drop him off.

I believe it was God's guidance which led me to tab through the obituaries and see my dear sweet friend Dominic. I met Dominic years ago when I was a greeter and I welcomed him each morning. It was his USC hat that got the conversation rolling. Soon we learned a lot about each other and became "pew buddies". Dominic and I sat next to each other during Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church for the last few years. Often I'd tap on his shoulder and he would look up jokingly and say "Oh, it's you again". I enjoyed his company and his humor. Oh how I have missed seeing him at Mass since the pandemic and often he entered into my thoughts and prayers. Now I know that he will be resting in the arms of those who proceeded before him, especially his wife whom he loved. I recall all the wonderful small conversations we had as I escorted him to his van (when he was still driving) and wished him well for the remainder of the week. He often would make sure I knew that he was going to CA and that I might not see him for a couple weeks. I was always delighted to see him back at Church where I tried to always keep a space open for him next to me. I'd walk behind him up to receive communion just in case when he got a bit unsteady. He'd glare at me sometime and say "i'm ok- but I knew he appreciated the care. A few parishioners thought he was my Dad, which was sweet because he did remind me so much of my own father who also served in WWII. I think they would have gotten along very well. Perhaps they will know each other now in heaven. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him; may he rest in peace. Amen. Rest in peace my dear friend, I will miss seeing you physically in Church but then again you will be there celebrating in spirit.

Peace and blessings,

Diane Roe

Our Lady of the Lake parishioner and friend

Diane Roe - August 30, 2020 at 06:43 PM



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Hi Diane, it is so nice to hear from you and to read your kind words about Dad. I always enjoyed chatting with you when attending Mass with him. You are so sweet and wonderful, and you have no idea how much your kindness to my Dad means to me. I only wish I had known earlier that you would sit with Dad during Services. Had I known that I would have made sure you sat with us. God Bless you. I will look for you at Church when I'm in town visiting Lisa and her family.

My very best,

Michael (AKA Mickey) Torcasso

Mickey Torcasso - August 31, 2020 at 01:28 PM