



## Thomas Gary Navarro

July 6, 1953 - October 17, 2024

Thomas Gary Navarro, 71, sadly left our world on October 17, 2024 in Pueblo, CO. He was born July 6, 1953 in Alamosa, CO to Ruben and Corinne Navarro. He is survived by brother David Navarro of Paauilo, Hawaii, sisters: Patricia Navarro and Victoria Quintana of Pueblo, godchildren: Christopher Wilcox, Noah Calderon and Louis Torrez, cousin Larry Navarro who was like a brother, special friend Patti Fries, 6 nieces, 3 nephews, several great nieces and nephews, cousins and many close friends. Tom is preceded in death by his parents Ruben and Corinne Navarro, sister Doris Wilcox and brothers Daniel (Velma) and James Navarro. Tom graduated from San Luis High School in 1971. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in business from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1978 and received his Master of Arts in Organizational Management in 1993 from the university of Phoenix. Tom retired after 30 years of service in the United States Government. Tom worked for several government agencies and retired from the Bureau of Land Management in Lakewood, CO. Tom had a real love of nature and after retirement he realized his dream and bought a large ranch in San Pablo, CO. He walked the property daily with his constant companions, his 4 Polish Lowland Sheepdogs: Milo, Taurus, Inca and Hammon. He raised 11 (named) alpacas and sold grass hay bales from his property. He worked hard improving his house, barns and land and kept up with daily chores. It was a labor of love for him. He was so happy to share his place with family and friends and always welcomed company. Tom maintained his friendships over

time and distance. His many friends and family were very important to him. Tom loved traveling. He traveled to many countries over the years including Italy, France, Germany, Spain and Mexico. Tom was an outdoors man. He loved hiking, camping and mountain climbing. Tom liked dancing, music (especially oldies), reading his daily devotionals and learning about health and wellness, he also authored a book. Tom really loved baseball. He continued to play after retirement, primarily as a pitcher. We will think of him whenever we watch baseball.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Family Funeral Home  
110 Cleveland St.  
Pueblo, CO 81004  
(719) 583-1313  
romeroffh@live.com

## Graveside Service

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (MT)

San Luis Cemetery  
San Luis, CO 81152

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tom was a God father to my son Louis D. H. Torres. After Louis's parents divorced, he stayed away from Louis. Louis couldn't understand why his Nino didn't want to stay in his life. Very sad for my son Louis.

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**Shushette Torres** - May 20, 2025 at 01:56 AM

KA

“ My husband and I met Tom when he got his first polish lowland sheepdog, Milo. He cherished his animals and was so enthusiastic in sharing how his ranch was growing with so many of his “kids” through the years. Such a tremendous labor of love. He always spoke so glowingly of his extended family. He had a kind, humble and gentle soul who strived for peace. Our deepest condolences to his entire family, He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. I know how much he loved Jesus, His Savior, and it gives me peace to know he is with Him now.  
Karen and Steve Willson

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**Karen** - October 28, 2024 at 08:05 PM

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“ I first met Tom in 2012 at the first Congreso de Acequias in San Luis. He had recently retired and was working to revitalize his ranch and learn more about his water rights. He faithfully attended Congreso each year, and each year, his questions and comments became more nuanced. Every time that Tom would take the microphone or pull me aside, I knew that his idea would be thought-provoking and would probably challenge his neighbors on the San Francisco ditch and the Division of Water Resources, because he wanted to understand "why" and think about whether there might be a better way. Tom thought and cared deeply and invited everyone to do so with him.

*I work for a land trust, helping people to protect the places they care about, so I am blessed to meet passionate people ever day, but Tom was the most passionate I have ever met and his love for his land and animals was evident in the way both thrived under his care. Tom began working with my organization about 4 years ago to place his land in a conservation easement and I regret deeply that we did not complete that vision during his life. Tom always seemed ageless, especially while out on his place, doing what he loved with the creatures he loved. His legacy will live on in the land that he improved and in the community that he challenged and strengthened with his curiosity.*

*It was wonderful to learn more about the other dimensions of Tom through the words of family and friends at his celebration of life. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

*Sarah Parmar, Colorado Open Lands*



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Sarah Parmar - October 26, 2024 at 07:06 PM

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Dawn R Reeder - October 25, 2024 at 10:23 PM



*It was always such a pleasure to see you and your beautiful dogs at your sisters house so sad you left too soon May you RIP and wish we could have seen you at your ranch*

Yvette Espinoza - October 26, 2024 at 12:29 AM



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*It was such a treat to meet Tom Navarro at his ranch. He put a lot of work into it and took a great deal of pride in what he accomplished in the use of the land, the landscape, water, and the care of his animals: dogs and the beautiful Alpacas. He was an inspiring, intelligent and caring man, who loved to share his knowledge, opinions, and kindness. I was sorry to hear of his passing and will miss visiting him at his ranch when in San Luis.*

*To all of his family, please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.*

Carla Litz - November 08, 2024 at 05:20 PM

CJ

“ Tommy was a very special childhood friend and classmate. On behalf of the class of 1971. Tommy was a very special friend. He had an amazing smile and always had a smile on his face. Loved his positive energy, and love he shared with everyone. He was always so caring. We will all miss him dearly.

*I was lucky to meet up with Tommy in Alamosa and in SanLuis. He was always happy to bring up the special memories we had growing up. He was my neighbor and we would talk about the fun we had as kids. Playing outside till it got dark, playing tag, hide and seek, playing baseball. He laughed how me and my sisters had him doing crazy and fun games in our yard.*

*Tommy Rest In Peace. You are in a beautiful place and no longer suffering.*

*My condolences go out to the Navarro families. When we visited he was always so proud of his nieces and nephew's. He also talked about his pets, how they gave him so much joy and they all kept him busy. He showed so much love for life and how he enjoyed nature.*

*You were all blessed with an awesome brother. I will keep you all in my prayers for your strength. Sending love and light to everyone.*

*I will miss you Tommy.*

*Your friend,*

*Carla (Sanchez) Jacquez*



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**Carla Jacquez** - October 24, 2024 at 09:09 PM

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“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of your Beloved Thomas!  
Please know that our Comforting thoughts, prayers, and Heartfelt  
Condolences are with all of Thomas’ family!  
We enjoyed seeing, and visiting, with Thomas during the Annual  
Santa Anna Celebrations!  
He was always very personable, cordial, friendly, and inviting! We  
missed him at the celebrations this Summer, not knowing that his  
illness explained his absence! Vaya Con Dios friend, School Mate,  
Piasano! Rest in Peace!  
He was loved; he will be missed!  
Forever in our Hearts!  
Bertha and Cip Rodriguez  
Thornton, CO 80602

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**Bertha and Cip Rodriguez** - October 24, 2024 at 04:33 PM

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*It was so sad to hear of Tommy’s passing. I remember texting him to  
see how he was doing after my Uncle Dan’s passing and this is what  
he said;  
“I really miss my brother. He had such an impact on my life. He was so  
good to me, so Loving, Kind, and always so Positive. I could only hope  
to be like him.”  
I told him “Tommy do you realize you just described yourself? You have  
my Uncle Dan’s same disposition.” He very humbly said “Thank you  
Karen what a compliment.”  
He will be truly missed 💕💕*

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**Karen Roybal** - October 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the Navarro family. I got to meet "Uncle  
Tom" through the Christopher Wilcox family. My memories of Tom  
will always be his warm smile and how welcomed he made you feel.  
Though our meetings were few, the memories will last forever. Rest  
in Peace.

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**Mary Anne Solka** - October 24, 2024 at 12:30 PM