



Rafael Soto

MAR 14, 1950 - MAR 10, 2022



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Rafael Soto was born in Durango, Mexico on March 14, 1950, the fifth of 11 total children to Rafael and Pia (Mejorado) Soto. As a family, they traveled across the country and eventually settled in Tecate, Baja California. He always recalled his childhood with fondness, noting that his parents were rich in kindness, humility and faith. As a young man, he made his way north and at various points lived in Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago and Alaska; but ultimately called San Diego home. Throughout his life, Rafael was well-known for his love of baseball and had an uncanny ability to recall baseball facts that spanned the history of the game. His love of the game began as a child when he played ball with his brothers and continued until the end, as he was often seen wearing his treasured Willie Mays jersey. Rafael was fiercely independent, always living life on his own terms, but took great pride and admiration in his children and grandchildren. He will be missed by his children Lorena (Luis), Memo (Patty), and Pia Alicia (Alex); his grandchildren Noah, Sophia, Liam and Gabe; step-grandchildren Paulette and Remy; his childhood sweetheart and mother of his children Estella Patricia; his last spouse Jesus Aurelia; siblings Miguel, Elias, Ofelia, Ruth, Betty, and Becky, as well as numerous family members and friends. He entered into eternal rest on March 10, 2022, reuniting with his beloved parents, his siblings Alfredo, Manuel, Jose Antonio, and Blasa, and his grandson Diego.



Events

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VIEWING

 **Sunday**, April 3, 2022

 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT

 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Salli Lynn Chapel**

4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113



FUNERAL SERVICE

 **Monday**, April 4, 2022

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Salli Lynn Chapel**


4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113



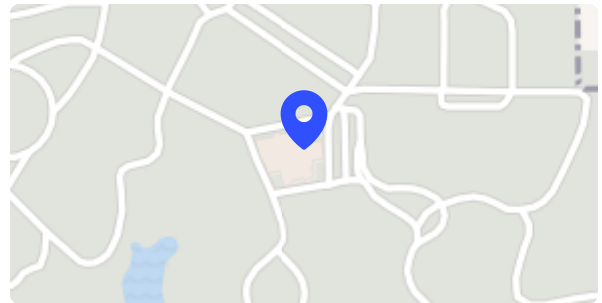
Committal

 **Monday**, April 4, 2022

 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM PT

 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Garden of Gethsemane**

4300 Imperial Ave, San Diego CA 92113







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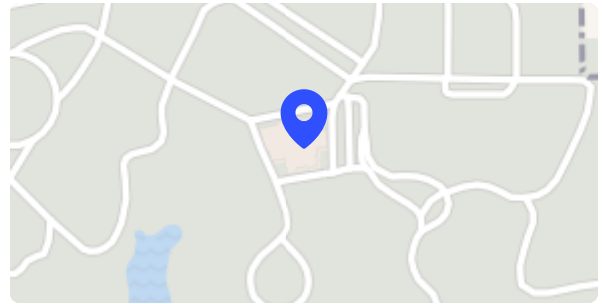
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Cemetery Details

 **Greenwood Memorial Park**
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113

 **(619) 450-1479**





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Anna posted:

Thinking of the Soto family today. Sending our love to Alicia as she grieves the loss of her father. We love you and are with you in thought. Love, Anna, Michael & the kids.

April 3 at 2:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Soto family.

April 3 at 4:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Soto family.

April 3 at 3:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Soto family.

April 3 at 3:03 AM



Love Robson And Tori Dufau sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Soto family.

April 2 at 8:26 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Soto family.

April 1 at 1:37 PM





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Sincerely, Dave And Linda Boelens sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Soto family.

March 31 at 8:52 AM



Lauren, Kristina, & Laurinda sent a Serene Retreat to the Soto family.

March 31 at 4:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Soto family.

March 29 at 12:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Soto family.

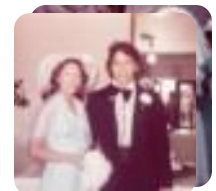
March 20 at 10:56 AM



Aurelio Mejorado shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Primo, te voy a extrañar mucho. Rafa y yo fuimos compañeros de trabajo en los 70's y 80's y compartimos el trayecto todos los días. Por supuesto que la conversación era el Baseball. Me imagino que Ila saben quien ganaba en esta conversación. Descansa en paz Primo.

March 20 at 6:47 AM





Media

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March 20 at 6:47 AM





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