



Thomas "Tom" Xavier Coronado

October 21, 1959 - April 23, 2020

Thomas Xavier Coronado, first son of Francisco Xavier and Barbara Entriken Coronado, brother of Charles Jose Coronado and Kate Coronado Johnson, and father of Spencer Xavier Coronado, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2020. He was known as Tommy, Tom, Dad, and “Hey buddy!” by his family and friends. His positive attitude, sense of humor, and numerous interests including gardening, judo, and teaching math were some of the ways in which he brightened the world around us. He was born in El Paso, Texas in 1959 and raised in Dallas, Texas by his parents, Frank and Barbara Coronado who instilled love, faith, humor, and integrity into their son.

Tom loved the outdoors and he spent summers during high school at the family ranch in Mexico and canoed the Canadian wilderness with his friends at Camp Kooch i Ching. He was an avid bodybuilder, boxed in the Golden Gloves in Austin, competed in wrestling events, and obtained his brown belt in Judo as an adult. After graduating from St. Mark’s School of Texas, Tom attended the Red McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. He served as Treasurer of his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, and graduated with his Bachelor’s in Business Administration in 1983. Tom was briefly married to Tamara Sue French and they had one son, Spencer.

Tom began his career in Dallas as a commercial real estate appraiser. However, he decided to become a stockbroker and worked with his father, Frank, and brother, Chuck at Merrill Lynch. Tom later decided to follow his true passion of working with children and taught math at Faith Family Academy in Oak Cliff, Texas. He shared his enthusiasm and intellect with the hearts and minds of his many students who remember him. One of his favorite quotes by Larry Martinek was “Children don’t hate math. What they hate is being confused, intimidated, and embarrassed by math. With understanding comes passion, and with passion comes growth – a treasure is unlocked”.

Tom’s love and devotion to his family always came first in his life. He is survived by his son, Spencer. He pre-deceased his mother, Barbara Coronado, his sister, Katey, and his younger brother, Chuck. Visitation is Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 1-2pm at Restland

Funeral Home and Cemetery's Memorial Chapel followed by his funeral service at 2pm.
His burial will be private for family at Restland Cemetery.

Please click the link below to see Mr. Coronado's life tribute.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/CM7NMRD68M4XW5M8>

To view services please use the link below

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/28397>

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - April 27, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Mr. Coronado was such an amazing teacher. He always pushes you to be greater. He was wise! I always went to him for advise and for help with my college math. It saddens my heart that he has passed. You will be missed!

Chyla - April 28, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathy for the family. He will be truly missed! Many Prayers.

Noel Castaneda - May 04, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Tom, I am thankful to have known you through the OnRamps program and to have experienced your passion for your students and your teaching practice. Your presence was always so joyful and welcome. You will be missed by many.

Emma Gryger - May 04, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ I met Tom this summer in Austin at the OnRamps training. He was a part of our group that got together there as first year OnRamps teachers. I only knew him for a short time, but I considered him to be a good friend and colleague. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be missed.

Dean Bujnoch - May 02, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ I enjoyed getting to know Tom in Austin during On Ramps training and again seeing him at the updates in Fort Worth. He was really knowledgeable and helpful. He will be missed.

Liz Applegatr - May 01, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ Tom was one of the highlights of going to OnRamps training... He was the life of the room and I loved bantering with him and teasing him... there will be a huge gap in the PreCal OnRamps community... to his son... you were the light of his life... he lit up when he talked about you, and every time I saw him he had something to share about you

Kristal McMillan-Ramirez - May 01, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ Tom was a funny guy, and a brilliant mathematician. I'm glad to have met him. He will be missed dearly.

Julie Clawson - May 01, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Tom during a summer teacher training. Such a kind and sensitive soul. He was a true role model for all of us to live up to. You'll be missed Tom. God bless you and your entire family.

Michael - May 01, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ Tom was such a joy to be around! I can't believe I won't get to hear his jokes and clever quips anymore. They will live on in my memory. I'll see you on the other side Tom. For now you are sincerely missed. - Jessica Young, Fellow PreCal Teacher

Jessica - May 01, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Condolences to Mr. Frank Coronado and the entire Coronado family !! I was so saddened today to hear about Tom's passing. I have such fond memories of Tom and you Mr. Coronado ! Tom was such a good friend of mine at St. Mark's, I laughed when I heard " Hey Buddy " today at his service! When I first came to St. Mark's in the middle of 8th grade, Tom was so helpful and friendly with his warm smile ! We quickly became good friends ! Later when I transferred back to the University of Texas, I roomed with Tom and spent a semester renting a house in Hyde Park together. Tom was in intense training for his upcoming Fight Night that spring. I remember having a few late night parties and interrupting Tom's sleep! Lol He was so serious about his training and his studies ! He was one tough son of a gun !! What a good man and I will miss him very much !! God bless you all, Mark Jones

Mark Jones - April 29, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Xavier Coronado.



April 29, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Tom and I started at FFA at the same time, working in the math department. We connected immediately and remained close until the end. The last time I was blessed to see him in person, his last words were "I love you, brother!" I loved him too, and so did my family. Tom left a void that will not be filled and I want the Coronado family to know that Tom was highly regarded, respected, and loved. Spencer, I learned your name the first day I met your dad because he loved you so much and wanted everyone to know how proud he was of you. Tom was my friend, we shared a passion for math, for learning, and for teaching tomorrow's great leaders. The memory of Tom will live on in us all.

Yohance Branch - April 29, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ I had Mr. Cornodo this year and whenever I see him, he was always full of energy to teach us math even though I never knew him as a friend, I'll still grieve for him giving my condolences to the family of Mr. Thomas Cornodo but I do know that he is in peace at heaven looking after his family and students that had him R.I.P cornodo

Joanna Blanco - April 29, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ I may have only been his student for the past few months, but Mr.C taught me a lot. My friends and I will miss the ways he taught us new things. How he pushed us to be our very best and to never give up, no matter what. Thank you Mr.Cornado, I know you will be watching over us up there in the big sky.

Destiny Gary - April 29, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ What a big loss for the class of 1978. Although I was a member of the '77 class, I knew Tom and he was a standout at St Marks. He truly represented the best that graduates of that fine institution had to offer. He deserves to have all of his tremendous life accomplishments celebrated. I am so sorry to learn of his passing. May his soul reside in Heaven.

Peter M Rosenfeld - April 29, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Tom was a great man and a great teacher. I got to know him four years ago when I came to join the FFA team. He cared so much for his students and has been such a part of our school and our culture. I will miss him.

Michael Dang - April 29, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Tom and his family. We all will remember Tom giving it his all in the SM Wrestling Room. Tom: once a warrior, always a warrior! All my best, Gary Block.

Gary Block - April 29, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Mr. Tom left us with two power word "STAY STRONG" during one of our PLC Meeting. He and his white board. He will forever be remembered by me, students, and staff. You Rock Mr. Tom!

Loving Memories,
Miss Allen



Vanessa Allen - April 29, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Tom for three years. He taught senior level math and I teach senior level science. He was always so kind and always made it a point to say good morning. He had a deep passion for mathematics and teaching his students. One of my favorite memories was anytime I would go into his classroom during calculus, he would always joke “Okay, guys, Ms. Miller is here to teach you now”. When I would ask what I was teaching, he would respond with the lesson of the day and I would always reply with “So you said _____” and say either trigonometry or a science topic. He would always laugh and smile. He was very kind and always willing to help no matter the situation. Our building and our district will never be the same without him, but I know his legacy lives on in countless students.

My condolences to his family at this time.
Lauren Miller

Lauren Miller - April 29, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ It is hard to put into words how stunned and saddened I am to hear of Tom's passing. When I first moved to Texas to attend St. Mark's in 1975, Tom offered me his friendship at a time that I needed a friend. He was one of my best friends throughout High School and we remained close friends throughout college at the University of Texas at Austin. During those years we had many great times - including several Spring Break trips down to Padre Island, Texas. After college, we remained close as we began our careers in Dallas.

Tom was a kind, giving, and special person. He was extremely smart, funny, and truly cared about people. He could tell a joke or a story with the best of them.

Although we did not see each other much in recent years, Tom had a profound and lasting impact on me. I am grateful for having had Tom in my life and I will cherish the many memories I have of Tom for the rest of my life. Thank you, Tom. I love you and I miss you already. Jon Weisberg, St. Mark's Class of '78

Jon Weisberg - April 29, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ Please accept my sincerest condolences. I met Tom in 7th grade and graduated with him from St. Marks in 1978. I stayed in touch with him until I moved from Texas in 1989. He was a tremendously warm, smart, and outgoing guy and I am deeply saddened by his passing.

Chris Jordan - April 29, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Tom Coronado. His passion for teaching was beyond compare, and his devotion to his students was truly sincere. Tom was a loyal employee, an enthusiastic mentor, and a good friend, always willing to go the extra mile. He will be deeply missed by his students, colleagues, and friends. We wish you peace my friend. We will pick up the math torch and carry on in your memory.

God Bless,

Alicia Sigur and The Core Edge Prep Staff.

Alicia Sigur - April 29, 2020 at 11:29 AM



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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Xavier Coronado.



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Alicia Sigur - April 28, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ I always liked when I went in Tom's room to make copies or retrieve printed material, as he had the printer in his room, often Tom would ask me a question about or to comment on what he was in the middle of teaching. He put me on the spot. Sometimes I knew and other times I had to admit I had forgotten that arcane math concept. Always enjoyed my interaction with Tom. Steve Ogden, Science Teacher

Steve Ogden - April 28, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Xavier Coronado.



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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Xavier Coronado.



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“ Mr. Coronado was my math teacher during the 2018-2019 School year. One of the best teachers and was the most coolest to be around. He embraced about life a lot and doing your best. R.I.P you will be missed by us all .

Immanuel Hooks - April 27, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Mr. Coronado was a mentor for me in high school. He believed in me. He believed I would be very successful. When I struggled in my college classes I thought of all of those who believed in me. Thank you, Mr. Coronado, for everything you have helped me in. You will be missed, my friend.

Jose Torres - April 27, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ I first came to know of Mr. Coronado through his students who was also in my class. They would speak very highly of him and tell me how challenging his class was, but you could tell they wanted to put forth their best effort in order to make Mr. Coronado proud. Once I met and talked with him I could understand while his students wanted to make him proud. He was a passionate teacher who genuinely cared about his students. I will truly miss Mr. Coronado, him looking over his glasses at me while talking.

Rest In Peace

Semper Fi
MSgt Turner

clifford turner - April 27, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ Mr. Coronado and I were in the same Region 10 teaching certification classes and then both ended up taking teaching positions at the same school, Faith Family Academy in 2013. Although we worked in different buildings on campus, every time he saw me, he made sure to sing some old song because he knew I was a music educator! He was a good man, friendly colleague and will certainly be missed.

Randy Wolfe - April 27, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ The untimely passing of Tom Coronado is a jaw-crushing blow to the Faith Family Academy community. Tom was the consummate professional, the epitome of a talented, well-prepared, and caring educator. Being new to high-school teaching, if I ever had a question regarding how to address a specific situation, it was my regular practice to just walk down the hall and ask Tom. Always among the first teachers to arrive on campus each morning, the start of a good day always included one of Tom’s energetic yet comforting “good morning sir!” greetings. I was elated that the printer in the Science Building was in Tom’s classroom because it gave me a ready-made excuse to go in and watch the math master work. Like the E. F. Hutton commercials, one could hear a pin drop while Tom was expounding on the intricacies of trigonometry or (his favorite) conic sections. Occasionally, I strolled into his room to hear Tom scolding the class for not being able to answer what he thought was a simple question. On one occasion while teaching on the calculus topic of local maxima and minima, he put me on the spot and asked me to enlighten his math scholars with the correct answer to his question. Thankfully, my answer “inflection point” was correct. However, he and I had a big laugh after class had been dismissed when I confessed to him that my “correct answer” was a wild guess. :>). Tom’s departure leaves a mammoth hole not only in FFA’s math department, but in the hearts and minds of students and teachers. Having received calls from several of his stunned and bereaved students, I challenged them all to dedicate the remainder of their time in high school and college to the memory of a teacher who had challenged them to be the best version of themselves academically, socially, and morally. Mr. Coronado will be missed by all.

Darius - April 27, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ My interaction with Mr. Coronado was brief; yet, he left an indelible mark of confidence in me as a teacher. Rest in power, Mr. Coronado.

RM

Ricardo Malbrew - April 27, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Tom was a wonderful man and caring teacher--he will be sorely missed by fellow teachers and his students. May God comfort you in this difficult time.

Devon Nassif - April 27, 2020 at 03:40 PM



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“ Mr. Coronado was my teacher, and Co- worker at Faith Family. He was a great man and was a great man, teacher and friend. My condolences to his family. Rest In Paradise Mr. Coronado

Coach Lopez (Edgar Lopez)

Edgar Lopez - April 27, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ I received the email below from Mr. Coronado on September, 04 2018. Mr. Coronado truly loved teaching math and genuinely cared about his students. Rest in peace teacher, for you have taught and reached so many. It was an honor and a pleasure having worked with you.

“Joe,
Thought you'd enjoy this”.
Tom

(email from a student)

“Mr. Coronado. This is your favorite hot headed student here. All jokes aside, I'm emailing you to genuinely thank you for the time you spent teaching me. I know that I wasn't exactly your best student and we were far away from good terms when I left FFA, but I don't think that it was to the point where I would pass up the chance to tell you how you have helped me in life.

It was rough, the time in your class, but it was also enjoyable and informative. It was a lot of things, but most notably it helped change me into a "I can do it myself" type of guy. I'm advanced as hell in my calculus class(even though I probably shouldn't have been in there in the first place), I know how to seek out information on my own and how to help others in class assignments. My teacher even laughs sometimes cause I keep suggesting things that nobody knows yet.

Anyway to sum it up, you're a damn good math teacher Mr. Coronado and it was an honor having learned from you”.

Joe Moreno

Joe Moreno - April 27, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Priscilla Randle lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Xavier Coronado



Priscilla Randle - April 27, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Taught school with Tom and we shared a love of Martial Arts. I considered him a mentor and friend. I just saw him a week ago at a food bank we did at the campus. Prayers for your family.

Rob Hazlewood - April 27, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Tom would always call me prima because we had the same last name. We was a nice and swell guy that always put a smile on your face. Really smart and would jokingly give me a hard time for not knowing how to speak Spanish lol. He always had a big smile and was in a cheerful mood. Tom Coronado will be greatly missed. Goodbye Primo!

Patty Coronado - April 27, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ What an amazing and smart person! I am grateful to have had the privilege of knowing him. With my deepest condolences... Descanse en paz, ¡amigo!

Mr. Cantabella - April 27, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ While I didn't know Tom that well he was very kind and sincere gentleman. I feel blessed to have the chance to meet him. I send out my prayers to your family. God bless Mrs. M. Davis

Melinda - April 27, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ Justine Hunter lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Xavier Coronado



Justine Hunter - April 27, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing him well, but his reputation among his colleagues and peers was one of excellence and hard work. He was known for these. I will be praying for his family.

Stephen Drake - April 27, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Tom was a friend and great co-worker, I liked to practice my Spanish with him, We will missed you My Amigo. Mr. Miranda

Guillermo Miranda - April 27, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ We are so blessed to have known Mr. Coronado as a valued family member at FFA. He will always be remembered as someone who gave his best to our students and brought joy to our staff. Praying and sending all my love to all his family during this difficult time!

Allison Etchison - April 27, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ Tom was a great friend and a tremendous teacher. I floated into his room my first year at Faith Family Academy. He was always willing to help and share his world of knowledge. He had a wonderful passion for calculus and for teaching students. He will be missed in so many ways. RIP Mr. C!

Dan Molen - April 27, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ I was fortunate to work with Tom at FFA. He was an excellent teacher and co-worker. I loved his passion for Calculus. He was always researching new ways to teach concepts and always told funny calculus jokes. I remember when he showed me his new laptop at the beginning of the year during professional development. I was so proud of all the new things that he learned on the computer. I will deeply miss Mr. Coronado. The Math/Science building will never be the same without him. I was blessed to get to know him the last three years and he will be deeply missed. Sincerely, Nese Morgan

Leonesea Morgan - April 26, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ Tom was my friend. We called each other brother. We used to share a classroom and I'll never forget him or the fire he had for teaching Math. He used to talk to me a lot about his son and how proud of him he was of him. I talked with him about my wife and kids and he asked about each of them often. I will never forget Tom “Nado” Coronado. He was a great man and I'll miss him. Peace, Brother

Jeff Watkins - April 26, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ A real teacher. A good heart. I'm so sorry for the loss.



Allen Lansing - April 26, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Was an honor to work with and to have known Mr. Coronado, he was a man of morals and very high character, he will genuinely be missed.

Marcus Baskerville - April 26, 2020 at 09:00 PM