



Edward Joseph Torres

October 11, 1939 - March 29, 2026

Edward Joseph Torres, our dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and loyal friend died suddenly and quietly at home on March 29, 2026. Ed was 86 years old. Ed was known for being a dedicated teacher, coach and mentor for over 40 years.

Eddie as he was known to his family and friends when he was growing up, was the son of Joseph and Josephine Torres. He grew up in San Francisco. His family included 5 older sisters and one younger sister. He went to Lowell High School where he was the starting halfback for the Indians. Noted in his high school yearbook: he was a good conversationalist; and he planned to go into education. After graduation, Ed spent a few months at City College of San Francisco, but left to join the Air Force, serving at various stateside bases and in the Azores for the years of 1958 to 1962. While in the Air Force Ed pursued additional interests in his spare time. He worked as a disc jockey on the base, as well as taught ballroom dancing for the Arthur Murray Dance Studios while stationed in Savannah, GA. After discharge, Ed returned to San Francisco and began working toward completing his goal of becoming a teacher.

It was while attending San Francisco State College that Ed met Roberta, his future wife. Roberta and Ed met in 1963 and married a year later in 1964. They welcomed their first son, Ted in Dec of 1964. While attending school, Ed worked as an insurance inspector and hated every minute of it. He graduated

from San Francisco State with his major in English Literature, and a credential for teaching in Secondary Education. It was before graduation that their second son, Robert was born in 1969.

Ed's teaching career began in 1971 in Lindsay, CA where he not only taught classes for reading improvement, but coached Freshmen football and basketball. He taught and coached in Lindsay for 3 years before taking a position as English teacher and coach at Redwood High School in Visalia in 1974. While teaching and coaching in the early years at Redwood a 3rd son, Andrew was born in 1976. In 1982 Ed left coaching behind and concentrated on Academics. He became the 10th grade honor English teacher and the only teacher of American Literature. Ed was interested in the national and State Avid programs and began developing the program at Redwood. Through his efforts Redwood was named an Avid National Demonstration School. Ed retired from Redwood in 2002. After retirement Ed went to work for the Fresno County Department of Education and continued to mentor Avid teachers in the six-county area for an additional 13 years. It was Ed's voice Visalia heard announcing at the Redwood football games at Mineral King Bowl for decades well into his retirement years.

Ed is preceded in death by his father and mother, Joseph and Josephine Torres; his sisters, Lillian McNesby, Stella Ergas, Elvira Perez, Carmen Gonzales and Corrine Sanchez; and his Grandson, Orion Torres. His one surviving sister, Phyllis Nicholson, died one day after Ed. Ed is survived by his wife of 62 years, Roberta; his 3 sons, Edward (Ted) Joseph Jr; Robert Anthony, and Andrew Glen; granddaughter Elodie Marian Torres, Grandson Clark Joseph Torres, their mother, Renee Conrad; and many dearly loved nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind Birdie Lou, MacDuff and Maggie Mae the family's current generation of pups who also loved him.

A celebration of Ed's life will take place on May 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel's Life event Center.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Life Event Center
135 E Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Edward Joseph Torres* ”



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - May 14 at 03:51 PM

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“ Lillian Gonzales <lillyvine@att.net>



Hello and I am so sorry that I could not be there ! Love and large Hugs to Aunt Roberta , Ted , Robert ,Andy, Elodie and Clark

I would like to share a few memories of my Uncle ED .

When I was 5 years old I also lived with Uncle Ed and family.. I was sitting on our back stairs and as Ed was walking up the stairs he noticed my shoe was un-tied and asked , do you know how to tie your shoes ?

I replied no . Ed said I will teach you two ways to tie your shoes and pick the one you like .. (I picked the two big loops and then under) . I was so happy that I now knew how to tie my shoes and have never forgotten thanks to Uncle Ed..

This story was told to me by my Aunt Corrine ,Ed's younger sister .. Corrine was 7 years old and Ed was 10 ..

Corrine had fallen off her bicycle and was cut and bleeding on her leg.. Corrine limped into the house and showed the wound to her older sister Carmen whom happened to be there with her soon to be husband Issac...

Carmen told Corrine she will need Mercurochrome (an old painful remedy for cuts and such) ..Corrine screamed NO ,NO,NOOOOOO , I don't want that it stings and tried to run and Hyde ! Carmen told Issac hold her until I fetch the medicine .

Issac held her as she continued to scream ,just then Ed heard Corrine's crys for help and ran into the house and yelled ISSAC , LET HER GO ,STOP THAT ! Just then Carmen arrived with the mercurochrome and Ed realized what was going on and assisted in holding and calming Corrine down as the painful medicine was applied.

I am so fortunate that we kept in contact with my Uncle Ed as I treasure the memories of his kind and loving ways . You're forever in my heart !

Lillian Gonzales

Lillian Gonzales - May 16 at 11:23 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Joseph Torres.*



May 15 at 08:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Joseph Torres.

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Joseph Torres.*



May 14 at 05:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Joseph Torres.

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“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Joseph Torres.*



May 11 at 10:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Joseph Torres.*



May 11 at 01:08 PM



“ *Ed was great friend who always showed caring and support for our family. My husband Frank and I were fortunate to share several traveling adventures with him and my best friend Roberta. I will always cherish our trips to China, Niagara Falls, Cooperstown, New Hampshire and other East Coast locations for the turning of the leaves. Remember seeing the production ‘Wicked’ in New York that trip. Great memories of our last trip to Florida including the Florida Keys. Ed found great joy in visiting the Hemingway home. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Love and hugs to his family who will miss him the most.*

Mary Ontiveros - April 18 at 06:13 PM