



Ruben Ramos Escobar

June 28, 1943 - July 24, 2014

Ruben R. Escobar passed away on July 24, 2014, at the age of 71 years. Ruben was born in Hanford, California, the youngest child of Monico and Lucy Escobar.

He was a proud alumnus of Fresno State University where he graduated with a degree in Sociology in 1972.

In 1965, Ruben began his 28 ½ year career with AT&T. He retired as an Engineer in 1994 at the age of 51.

Ruben had always dreamed of being a teacher so returned to Fresno State where he earned his teaching certification. He began teaching 4th grade for Farmersville Unified School District shortly after completion and was able to fulfill his dream. He was nominated for Teacher of the Year by Farmersville Unified for the Tulare County Office of Education's Excellence in Education just before he retired in 2010.

Ruben enjoyed watching Fresno State Bulldog football games, traveling to the coast, and finding new restaurants to visit. He loved creating things out of wood and held a provisional patent for geometrical shapes that folded from a flat shape to 3 dimensional by pulling a string. He used them as teaching tools in his classroom for many years. Some of his students will remember helping to build and then using "the world's fastest pencil sharpener" which would sharpen a new pencil in less than 2 seconds.

He is predeceased by his parents Monico and Lucy, and his sister-in-law Tina Escobar. He is survived by his loving wife, Sherry; his daughters of the heart

Kate and Grace, and his son Anthony; his siblings: Ernestina (Erni) Rojas, Herb Escobar, Raul and Ana Maria Escobar, Emily and Jim Valencia, Alice and Lee Baca and Elena and Jim Roth along with, many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Sequoia Regional Cancer Center, Dr. Hsu, the nurses and staff who became fast friends and were such a comfort to Ruben during his long fight with cancer. A heartfelt thank you also to Kelly and Patricia in the Infusion Center at Kaweah Delta District Hospital for their loving care and especially for the extra effort they made to keep Ruben comfortable in his last hours of life. You are loved and appreciated so very much.

At Ruben's request, there will be no services. If you are able to donate blood and would like to honor Ruben in that way it would be a wonderful gift of life, or you may consider giving to a cancer charity of your choice.