



## Thomas Edward Gracia

August 2, 1949 - August 8, 2016

Thomas Edward Gracia of Napa, California, passed away of heart complications on August 8, 2016 with family at his side.

Tom, born on August 2, 1949, grew up in Santa Maria, California. In 1970 the Army called him into service and he served honorably for 3 years during the Vietnam War. He graduated from University of Iowa, where he met the love of his life Roxann Gracia (Miller). They were married on October 1, 1977 and settled in the quiet little town of Napa. Tom began work as a Pharmacist at Family Drug and became the heart and soul of the business for 40 years. He was a caring, old fashioned pharmacist who knew everyone's parents, kids, grandparents, and grandkids and answered the inevitable question: "Hey Tom, what do you think about..."

Tom was involved in Pharmacy Associations holding multiple offices, including District Trustee for CPHA, Continuing Education Council, and Academy of Pharmacy Management. Tom served as pharmacist consultant for Napa Valley Hospice, Clinic Ole and for Partnership Health Plan for many years. He was past president of the area American Diabetes Association. Although not diabetic, he was instrumental in getting the annual Bike-a-thon up and running to raise awareness of diabetes, as he believed it was a disease where he could make a difference.

He dearly loved his family and when his sons joined the Boy Scouts, Tom quickly stepped up to be scout leader eventually earning the Silver Beaver award for his exemplary leadership. He truly loved the outdoors and camping. Even as he aged, he vacationed at lake Almanor, where he enjoyed fishing, boating, and ATV riding.

Tom was devoted to his faith and attended mass at St. A's in Napa. He was past treasurer of the Mens club and was 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Roxann, sons David and Joseph, daughter-in-laws Leslie and Neanna, Grandchildren, Alex and Alyssa, his Mother, Lodene Gracia, Brothers and Sisters (Dan Gracia, Kathleen Fitch, Annette Naumann, Cynthia Williams, John Gracia and Paul Gracia) many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceded in death was his Father Kenneth Gracia.

Special Thanks to Dr. Sergio Manubens, Staff at Cardiology Consultants, and Dr. David Jue.

Funeral Mass is Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 10:30 in St. Apollinaris Church with reception following. Rosary will be said Friday at Claffey & Rota Funeral Home at 7 PM. Graveside service reserved for family only, which will include military honors. In lieu of flowers, donate to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd  
Napa, CA 94558

# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 12 (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home  
1975 Main Street  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 224-5210  
[services@claffeyandrota.com](mailto:services@claffeyandrota.com)  
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

## Mass

AUG 13. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Apollinaris Catholic Church  
3700 Lassen St  
Napa, CA 94558  
(707) 257-2555

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Edward Gracia*

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September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Thomas Edward Gracia*

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September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *I was shocked and deeply saddened when i heard about Tom's passing. I remembered when Tom hired me to work for him over 10 years ago and he has always been one of my favorite people to work for. He was always fun to be around and the time always flew by. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. When Christ comes again we will see you again Tom ! Im looking forward to it !*

*Mike Schulte - Far West Returns.*

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**Mike Schulte** - September 29, 2016 at 06:30 PM

KB

“ I was so sad to hear of Tom's passing. I started going to Family Drug in college and started to get to know Tom over the years. He was ALWAYS so sweet and kind and patient. Always willing to explain whatever I was inquiring about. I trusted Tom and used to call him long after I moved away from Napa, if I had a concern or question about a medication. He was always glad to hear from me and still <http://www.claffeyandrota.com/obituaries/Thomas-Gracia/#/> willing to help me even though I didn't go to Family Drug anymore. He was amazing!! Sorry for your loss! Our loss!



Karen Bohrk - September 11, 2016 at 09:45 PM



“ Jim N LeAnna Fisher lit a candle in memory of Thomas Edward Gracia



Jim N LeAnna Fisher - August 24, 2016 at 04:59 PM



Not having met your dad but seeing the photo below I can see the dear resemblance David. I know my dad will be sad to see of your loss and our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. In Deepest Sympathy, The Fisher's <><

Jim N LeAnna Fisher - August 24, 2016 at 05:01 PM

JE

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Thomas. God promises to give us help when we need it. Pray to him for comfort during this difficult time.*  
*Psalm 55:22.*

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**Jenna** - August 22, 2016 at 12:17 PM

BS

“ *When our sons were in Boy Scouts I got the chance to work with Tom. Getting to know Tom and developing was a time I will cherish for the rest of my life. Very few men come along in life like Tom. When I needed a prescription or any questions he was the "Go To Guy". One time he even helped me set up a nebulizer for our sick rabbit. He was That Guy. I will miss him.*

*Bob Storeide*

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**Bob Storeide** - August 21, 2016 at 01:11 AM

SM

“ *Tom Gracia was a man who will be missed not just by his family but by the whole community. He touched so many lives. Helped so many people in so many ways. A stable always from his hearty greetings and smile to the extra mile he would go to help someone in need. I will miss him dearly. His outstanding professionalism and attention to details as well as his calming voice on the phone. He has left a big hole behind. My condolences to his family, friends and the community. Sheri McNamare*

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**Sheri McNamare** - August 20, 2016 at 02:18 PM

KI

“ We already miss Tom dearly. As longtime Family Drug customers and vendor, we always enjoyed interacting with the smart, good-natured and caring Tom. He was extremely thoughtful of others and we always managed to have a good laugh together.

*Dr. Hitchcock's accounts of his profound generosity should not surprise anyone.*

*Our sincere condolences to Roxann & family and the entire Family Drug crew.*

*We lost a special one! Kent & Cheryl Imrie*

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**Kent Imrie** - August 17, 2016 at 11:01 AM

LF

“ *my adopted son required special medication as an infant and only tom could make this special mixture. tom watched my son grow to adulthood and always remembered him and the rest of my family. my daughter worked at the pharmacy as a tech even. we always considered tom an important extended family member. we will miss him as part of our every day life. we are very sorry for the immediate family's loss.*

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**lorna fowler** - August 15, 2016 at 12:48 PM

DJ

“ Starting with "How the heck are ya', Doc?" and a "We can do that" attitude, my interactions with Family Pharmacist Tom Gracia were always positive. I felt a connection with him, proprietor of Napa's last independent pharmacy. My father had a very similar store in another town years before.

*Tom was an outdoorsman, a patriot, and a staunch supporter of American freedom. He was a family man, proud of all it's members.*

*Tom helped patients for a very long time. As Napa's last compounding pharmacist, he even helped pets. I will miss Tom, as I'm sure will countless other Napans who were touched by his kindness, his expertise, his warmth, and his professionalism.*

*David M. Jue, M.D.*

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**David Jue** - August 15, 2016 at 11:53 AM

JM

“ Tom was a friendly and reassuring man who would smile and say hi when I came to pick up a prescription. Over time I observed he interacted the very same way with other customers, his staff and whoever was on the other end of the frequent phone calls he answered, all the while continuing to fill prescriptions. He was a blessing to our community. I am grateful to have known him. My sympathy to his family and those close to him.

*Judy Morhar*

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**Judy Morhar** - August 14, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ As "Dr Don" Hitchcock wrote today, "Napa lost one of its saints." Tom's smile and warmth healed as much as his medicines. Thanks to the family for sharing him with all of us over these precious years.

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**Lauren Coodley** - August 13, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ *Lauren Coodley lit a candle in memory of Thomas Edward Gracia*



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**Lauren Coodley** - August 13, 2016 at 04:43 PM

RS

“ *I was very sad to hear of Tom 's passing. He was so caring and a really all-around good guy. Since I came back to Napa 20 years ago and he has been my pharmacist and my children's. Many people asked why I didn't move my prescriptions to a bigger Pharmacy where they had longer hours or we're open 7 days a week. Why?... Because they didn't have Tom. He knew my children since they were babies. He knew my allergies and there's. There was a personal Touch that came with going to family drug and with Tom being your pharmacist. If he was that amazing to his customers I Can Only Imagine how he was in his personal life sending positive energy to his family*



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**Rainy Stegall** - August 13, 2016 at 05:25 AM

RB

“ *So sorry to hear. Tom was was a rare breed, a true leader and an inspiration for pharmacists. He was just a great guy! .*

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**Ron Brunswick** - August 12, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Gracia.*



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August 12, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ *John Banducci lit a candle in memory of Thomas Edward Gracia*



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**John Banducci** - August 12, 2016 at 09:41 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Tom Gracia*



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**Allan** - August 12, 2016 at 08:45 AM

AL

“ Tom...You will be missed...You were an example of what a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus is called to be and should be, My heart is sad today, and my family and I will offer our prayers for you and your family in this time of sadness.

*Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. Albert Einstein...Tom you were that person...*



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**Allan** - August 12, 2016 at 08:44 AM

DN

“ Tom was, for over 30 years, personally and professionally, my favorite pharmacist. He epitomized all that was good in the care of his clients and as a physician, I was honored to work with him. Tom you were a "throwback" to an era we are unfortunately on the brink of losing. That small local business he owned where patients were more than numbers but were friends is slowly giving way to corporate concerns. He will be sorely missed by me personally and by the community. Rest in peace my friend.

*Robert E. Nasser, M.D.*

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**Dr. Robert Nasser** - August 11, 2016 at 03:27 PM

RM

“ *I'll never forget the Diabetes bicycle ride.*

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**Russell Moore** - August 11, 2016 at 03:00 PM

RM

“ *Russell Moore lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas Edward Gracia*



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**Russell Moore** - August 11, 2016 at 02:53 PM

RM

*My deepest sympathy for Tom's family. I'll miss him too. I hope Joe will carry on his Family Drug legacy.*

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**Russell Moore** - August 11, 2016 at 02:56 PM

HC

“ *I am so sorry to read this,  
My deepest sympathy to your family  
Harry Cadelago*

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**Harry Cadelago** - August 11, 2016 at 01:32 PM

RK

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



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**Roger Knapp** - August 11, 2016 at 01:11 AM

RK

*Tom's unexpected passing is a total devastation for Family Drug and our community where he had a very bright and cheery greeting face when I'd drop in and saw me behind the counter. A wonderful gracious and blessed man now missed terribly, but will never be forgotten.*

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**Roger Knapp** - August 11, 2016 at 01:15 AM


JS

“ Joy Schnepf lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas Edward Gracia



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**Joy Schnepf** - August 10, 2016 at 08:53 PM

 Katie  
Shelby

“ Tom was a comforting voice on the other end of the phone. He was always willing to think outside the box and help people because it was the right thing to do. He made all of his customers feel cared for and in many cases loved. Our community has lost a wonderful man but has gained an amazing guardian angel. Thank you for all you have done over the years, We will miss you.

*Katie Shelby*

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**Katie Shelby** - August 10, 2016 at 07:59 PM

MT

“ I'm so sorry to read about your loss. I have such fond memories of your family. I send my deepest sympathy to the entire Gracia family

*Michele Rodenberger Triplett*

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**Michele Triplett** - August 10, 2016 at 06:51 PM

LM

“ I thought I saw a big, bright twinkling star in the sky that I'd never seen before...it must be our beloved Tom. He will be sorely missed by his clients, as there is no other Pharmacist like Tom who has cared for our family for so many years and, even being a true professional, put everything on a very personal level treating each one of us as though we were close friends. Seeing him standing there when I walked in the door and shouting "Hey, Tom, how the heck are ya?", or "where've you been for Pete's sake; haven't seen ya the last couple times I've been in", which always drew a huge hearty laugh, red cheeks and good banter back and forth. I send prayers to Tom's family and friends, and know they will find consolation in the fact that Tom left enormously deep, positive footprints his entire life here on Earth.

*I will make a contribution in Tom's name to an organization that helps animals. Tom helped so many of our pets over the years when they required special medications only a "human Pharmacist" could prepare, and he did that for my cat, Ellis, who had terminal cancer. Tom's compassion had no boundaries.*

*Thank you, God, for allowing us to have known this wonderful man during our lifetime.*

*Sincerely,  
Linda Methven and Vera Duncan*

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Linda Methven - August 10, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Gracia.



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August 10, 2016 at 04:53 PM

YA

“ *Your Friends at AmerisourceBergen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas Edward Gracia.*



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**Your Friends at AmerisourceBergen** - August 10, 2016 at 04:16 PM

PC

“ *Tom is remembered as a special friend by the family of George Schiraga. We will be forever grateful for the friendship and all the help Tom gave to our brother. Tom and his family are in our prayers. Thank you....Phyllis/Doug*

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**Phyllis Schiraga Connors** - August 10, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ *As a community nurse at QVMC, I was fortunate to have numerous interactions with Tom. Several years ago my daughter studied to be a Pharmacy Technician & I asked Tom if she could get her clinical experience at Family Drug. Though he said he normally did not do this, he made an exception for her. This is just one example of who Tom was, a giving man who cared about his community. You will be deeply missed.*

*Dale Weide RN*

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**Dale Weide** - August 10, 2016 at 12:01 PM

TG

“ *The Children of Nat and Theresa Gracia purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Edward Gracia.*



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**The Children of Nat and Theresa Gracia** - August 09, 2016 at  
10:55 PM