



Bernabe "Barney" Tovar

January 18, 1972 - September 23, 2019

Bernabe "Barney" Tovar Age 47. Beloved Husband of Maura, nee Enright Tovar. Devoted Father of Sean, Summit P.D. and Bevin Tovar. Loving Son of Guadalupe and the late Gerardo Tovar. Dear Brother of Jose Tovar, the late Freddie Tovar, Francisco Tovar, Adrian(Veronica) Tovar, Jacqueline (Omar) Muñoz and Maria (Gustavo) Amador. Barney will be missed by his many brothers and sisters in law, nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 3 PM until 9 PM at FORAN FUNERAL HOME, 7300 West Archer Avenue (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation is Friday at the funeral home from 8:30 AM until time of Prayers at 9:30 AM. We will then proceed to St. Blasé Church for a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment is Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Tovar taught science for 14 years at Heritage Middle School in Summit, IL. and he was the former owner of Finishing and Touch Painting and Decorating. In lieu of flowers donations to support the Tovar family would be appreciated at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/362747351340156/>.

Cemetery

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

6001 W 111th St
Alsip, IL, 60803

Events

SEP 26 **Visitation** 03:00PM - 09:00PM
Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave, Summit, IL, US, 60501

SEP 27 **Visitation** 08:30AM - 09:30AM
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SEP 27 **Prayers** 09:30AM
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SEP 27 **Mass** 10:00AM
St. Blase Church
6101 South 75th Avenue, Summit, IL, US, 60501

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Foran Funeral Home - September 25, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ This is a wonderful tribute, beautiful pictures!

Linda Dobbins - September 28, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Bernabe and I coached soccer together, and it has to be one of the funnest experiences I've ever had. We laughed everyday and started all kinds of traditions while working with students that really admired and respected him. I'm so grateful to have grown to know him well. He was a friend and a mentor, and he enjoyed life! I will always cherish the many memories we shared together.

David B - September 30, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ I met Barney in 2nd grade, when we were in band at Graves School. Our friendship grew with marching band / jazz band / and had some classes together, throughout our high school years at Argo. Though we lost contact after high school, I truly feel blessed to have known such a compassionate human being, with such a gentle soul. My prayers go out to Barney's family. He was truly 'one of a kind'. Rest in peace my friend. God speed.

Mike Kirk - September 28, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ It is with heavy hearts that we write this. We loved Barney! He was one of the most genuine, kind, patient, honest men we had the privilege to know. Barney was our “ not a problem “ guy. He would do anything he could for you, always going above and beyond. He painted every ceiling, wall, and cabinet in our home, he will always be with us. Gone to soon, rest in peace.

Linda and Chuck Dobbins

Linda Dobbins - September 28, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ Bernabe was the most genuine man I've ever known. His kindness, selflessness, class and dedication in every facet of his life was remarkable. His smile will never be forgotten. Sending love to all his family, friends and former students. God Bless and Rest in Peace Buddy.

Phil Baricovich - September 26, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ Tears In My Eyes Mr. Tovar , was such an amazing teacher and friend to everyone. You made everyone smile. You were always giving advice to the people that needed it. I'm just a blink of an eye all this has happened. You were always smiling. Never thought something like this would happen to someone everyone knew
You are not suffering anymore and god has gained an amazing angel



Veronica - September 26, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ We were so very saddened to hear of Barney's passing. We met Barney many years ago when he first came to Maple Hill to paint the clubhouse in our community. We had him come to our home many times over the years for various painting jobs and also recommended him to other neighbors. We often joked that he should move to Maple Hill since he had so many followers here and it would make the commute easier. Although it was business that brought him into our lives, we felt a friendship that is hard to explain. He was so kind, gentle, a perfectionist, and just a wonderful human being that we feel honored and blessed to have known. We are sure he touched so many young lives in a positive way and those of us that saw him less frequently will always remember him and pray that he looks down on all of us sending God's blessings. May his family be comforted knowing he is safe, pain free and at peace with God at his side.

Diana and George Doyle

Diana and Doyle - September 26, 2019 at 07:06 AM



“ 169 files added to the album LifeTributes



Foran Funeral Home - September 25, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ Tears in my eyes as I write these words. How thankful I am to have known Barney, even for a short time. We met over three years ago in my kitchen. As I was in need of a painter, a neighbor recommended Barney. Immediately, I liked him and appreciated his thoughtful suggestions, polite manner and sense of humor. He was professional with high standards. His work was outstanding and I asked him to return for several other projects. A wonderful person and Painter Extraordinaire! He will be missed by many who knew him well. He will be missed by me, who knew him a short time.

Sending blessings and prayers to Barney's family.

Diane Adams

Diane Adams - September 25, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ Best coach i could of ever had, taught me to be a better person through the game. Pushed me further than any other teacher has. R.i.p. Mr. Tovar never going to forget the time i spent with my teammates along side Mr tovar

Andi - September 25, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ Such a great teacher !. Always made sure to make me laugh when I was upset or when the class needed a motivation. It was years after the Ski trip and when he would see me around he would joke around saying “let me move out your way before you drop me again “ . During the ski trip I wouldn't stop so I took him down with me . Years later and he would still mention to his classes after I graduated . You'll never be forgotten .



Luisa - September 25, 2019 at 01:26 AM



“ Con tristeza les di la noticia a mis hijos de la partida del Señor Tovar..... Un Gran Maestro y Muy Buen Comunicador con Nosotros los Padres Hispanos.... siempre recordare Sus atenciones y la manera tan Cortez de tratarnos y explicarnos de El Progreso de nuestros hijos en la escuela....!!!! No estará más en la tierra con nosotros..... pero dejo muchos corazones felices y mentes llenas de conocimiento.... mi más sentido pésame a Su Familia.... Dios les de fortaleza en este momento to tan difícil...!!!! Te Queremos Señor Tovar Gracias por haber enseñado a mis hijos...!!!!

Alma Rocio Vega Uribe - September 25, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ Mis mas sinceras condolencias para cada miembro de la familia Tovar

Con el corazón roto pero lleno de amor y agradecimiento
PARA CON NUESTRO PADRE CELESTIAL porque su santa voluntad va de acuerdo a nuestras mas grandes y verdaderas necesidades!!
sin temor o duda alguna a equivocarme por la vivencia en carne propia ya mas de una vez!!! Ahora en este momento Puedo identificar este Inmenso e indescriptible dolor que en el alma está viviendo la familia Tovar!
PORQUE AL IGUAL QUE ELLOS! NOSOTROS LA FAMILIA RUVALCABA Y TANTAS OTRAS FAMILIAS también vivimos y sentimos al ver partir a nuestros seres queridos!!! Y a tantos queridos hermanos en JESUCRISTO como ahora a nuestro muy querido hermano Bernabé Tovar Lo recuerdo y lo recordaré siempre con mucho amor☐ que Dios padre le conceda el eterno descanso a su alma y Fortaleza a toda su familia
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Griselda Ruvalcaba Muñoz - September 26, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ Mr . Tovar was a great teacher had a lot of great memories with him thank you for making 8th grade a great year . you will be missed and my you Rest In Peace

maya - September 24, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ This is one is from Maya Perez

maya - September 25, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ Mr. Tover was the greatest teacher ever he always made me laugh and I had a lot of great memories with him . Thank you for making my 8th grade year and great year thank you for all the good laughs. My you Rest In Peace and he will be missed by a lot of people .

maya - September 24, 2019 at 11:53 PM



“ I was honored to have Mr. Tovar as my 8th Grade Science Teacher. He would always introduce fun projects in his classroom to make sure every student was understanding the material. He is a reason why I am now on the path to become an educator. I am grateful that I got to have him as a teacher. May he rest in peace.

Salvador Macias - September 24, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ I was blessed to know Barney through Our Lady Of the Ridge Church. He was an extremely kind, generous, creative and hard working man who was a loving and devoted husband and father. Barney and my late husband, Deacon Terry Albano shared many memorable trips to the monastery together for their annual "silent" guys retreat. The stories from those trips made for lasting memories and the shared prayer forged deep bonds of faith and friendship. I am grateful to have known Barney as a friend and brother in Christ.

Helene Albano - September 24, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ Mr. Tovar was one of my favorite teachers. He made science so much fun. He loved to joke around with all the students. I remember always laughing with him. I saw Mr. Tovar years later in the city at corner bakery. He remembered me right away when he saw me. I couldn't believe it. Mr. Tovar you will forever be in my heart and I thank you for being an amazing teacher.



Jacqueline - September 24, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ Barney and I lead the Argo High School Marching Band together. We were friends and I have fond memories of him. It is truly heartbreaking to know that such a wonderful person has left this earth. May he Rest In Peace. Barb (McDonald) Braun

Barb Braun - September 24, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ Tovar was my 8th grade science teacher , He was such an amazing teacher . He loved to joke around and have everyone smiling. Gone but not forgotten.



Victoria - September 24, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ I had the pleasure of having Mr. Tovar as my eighth grade science teacher. I remember all the cool projects he had us make, including a model car. He chose mine and put it in the display case outside his classroom, which made me feel empowered. I remember his class so vividly. He was able to keep our interest in science and make life long connections as people. Anytime you'd see him in the hall, he had a smile on his face and always had conversations with us. Several years later, I went back to visit and Tovar remembered who I was. He was such an amazing teacher and is someone I admire and hope I can make him proud when I teach science to my students. May you Rest In Peace.



Stacee Lin - September 24, 2019 at 07:54 PM