

## **Enrique Gomez Obituary**

Enrique Gomez Rabago. Husband, Father, Abuelo, everyone's favorite Tio, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, after a long illness. Born on November 13th, 1950, in Mexico City to Leopoldo Gomez and Concepcion Rabago, he grew up in Santa Ana, Tlaxcala with his five brothers and sister, later moving to Mexico City.

He had plans to start a family and he was incredibly motivated to move to the United States. Ever the procrastinator, he took triple the normal course load in order to complete his undergraduate degree. Even though he spoke absolutely no English, he completed a dual masters in both Electrical Engineering and Business at Boston University. After graduation, he worked for Digital Equipment Corporation and moved to Westford, Massachusetts, where he made lifelong friendships. He settled into suburban life and rekindled his love of the game of soccer, coaching his daughters and playing for the "Over the Hill" Gray Goats.

Although he developed a deep love for New England, his heart never truly left Mexico. He shared Mexican culture through many traditions, most memorably inviting Mariachis to house parties (much to the horror of his children). In 2006, his career moved him to Doral, Florida. In his retirement, he built a stunning home in Tlaxco and spent many wonderful months with his family. A new side of him was revealed when he became an Abuelo and got the opportunity to share cookies with his grandchildren.

He shared advice and tequila with those who needed it. He doted on his wife, daughters, grandchildren, and sobrinos. He never took himself seriously, always laughed at his own jokes, and would provide just the right amount of sarcasm needed in a tense situation. He rescued troubled animals off the side of the road and kept a feral cat colony with his wife.

He is at peace, but his loss is felt deeply by those he loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Concha and brother Leopoldo. He is survived by his wife Liliana Guiterrez, his daughter Esther Gomez Splawn and her husband Eric, his daughter Anne Gomez, his grandchildren Hutson and Kathryn Splawn, his brothers Rafael, Juan Bosco, Gustavo, and Francisco (Paco), and many nieces and nephews.