



John Rivera

December 8, 1948 - May 6, 2017

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MT

“ Johnny was my first friend when I moved to Santa Barbara and began the second half of my Junior year at San Marcos. I didn't want to be there, I wanted to go "home", back to my friends in Orange.. But day after day John was so nice, so welcoming, so helpful and just the sweetest guy ever, that eventually he wore me down.. he introduced me to people and took the time to make sure I was doing OK.... All of us know what a wonderful man he was and I pray he knew how very much we all loved him !!! Our hearts are broken with his passing and our thoughts and prayers are with his beautiful family, his true legacy.. Rest in the arms of our Lord Johnny...we'll see you on the other side..❤️

Marylee Tilla - May 09, 2017 at 08:21 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. John was a very kind person and always had a smile on his face. His life was cut to short. He will live in our hearts for ever. The class of '66 will surely miss him. Pam (Owens) Holt

pam owens holt - May 09, 2017 at 02:31 PM

 Judy Harger

“ I feel so blessed to have had Johnny in my life for over 50 years. He lit up the room with his positive attitude and beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I hope he is "dancing in the sky". <https://youtu.be/C4dci4Z7p6A>
Judy (Herzog) Harger

Judy Harger - May 09, 2017 at 06:00 AM



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JD Robertson - May 08, 2017 at 11:10 PM



John Rivera 1966, San Marcos High School. R.I.P.

JD Robertson - May 08, 2017 at 11:13 PM

AL

“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting the Rivera family, but if Johnny was a "chip off the old block", then his family must be pretty terrific. What a wonderful feeling for a mom and dad to have a son like Johnny. A boy, a friend, a schoolmate, a man, that absolutely everyone loved. How proud you must be. He made everyone happy just to be in his company. He was such a powerhouse at San Marcos. We could speak for hours, about how Johnny touched our lives. God bless and keep you safe, Rivera family. Heaven will be even brighter with Johnny there.*

Adrienne Libman - May 08, 2017 at 10:01 PM

PW

“ *Johnny was one of a kind. Everyone would agree that his smile lit up a room. Who didn't love him? Our hearts are broken, and I know that his family hurts something fierce. I pray for peace. Thank you for the privilege of his existence. Pam Moller Wilson and Mike Wilson*

Pam Moller Wilson - May 08, 2017 at 09:40 PM

JG

“ John, a good man, a good friend, and from long ago, a good kid. What more could we all ask of ourselves from start to end? I was lucky enough to have had the 60 or so years of friendship. I miss him and his sweet smile already.

Julie (Lindsey) and Luben Germanoff, Ohio

Julie Germanoff - May 08, 2017 at 09:27 PM

LB

Johnny was a kind and good human being. His legacy in this world has been imprinted in the minds of people and the class of 66. enjoy his world in heaven.

Luz Bag-aw - May 09, 2017 at 02:17 PM

CM

As a newcomer to San Marcos High School as well as Santa Barbara I was fortunate enough to cross Johnny's path. I don't think he ever met a stranger and his smile let you know you were included. Visiting with him again at our reunion was very special. Can't help but think he'll be a greeter in heaven - making all the new arrivals feel at home. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and many friends.

christine miley - May 24, 2017 at 03:32 PM

PM

Johnny was one of those people about whom you tell people if you didn't know him you truly missed someone special. I never heard him have a harsh word about anyone and by the same token I never heard anyone say anything negative about him. So many of the comments above make reference to his smile. Take a look at that picture. That smile, which would light up a room and a big room, was a permanent fixture and it was paired with his laugh. I, my classmates at San Marcos, and everyone who came in contact the Johnny are better for it. I will miss you my friend.

Peter Mackins - May 24, 2017 at 11:43 PM