



Thomas Enerva

October 11, 1927 - May 7, 2021

Today we celebrate the life of Thomas Enerva, 93, who passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 7, 2021, at Reflections Memory Care, Herrin, IL.

He was born in San Diego, CA, graduated from Point Loma High School in 1947 lettering in track, lived most of his adult life in El Cajon, CA, and retired in 1990 after a 33 year career in the aerospace industry. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea, was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of The Elks, coached many Little League teams and loved working out regularly at the gym until the age of 89. He also loved cooking, gardening, dancing, entertaining friends and enjoyed professional boxing and baseball.

A devout Catholic his whole life, he served the church in many ways and provided a parochial education for his six children. A devoted father, he is fondly remembered for his love of family and kindness to all.

He is survived by his six children: daughters Kathryn Jines (Guy), Kim Breen (Sean) and Patty Morgan; sons Tony Enerva, John Enerva (Cindy) and Paul Enerva (Babbette); sisters Virginia Schultz, Barbara Schaub, Elva Gibson; brother Manuel Enerva; sister-in-laws Lynne Hay, Johanna Rolfe and Tommie Underwood (predeceased); 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Patricia

Ann Enerva, happily married for 46 years.

A Catholic funeral mass and burial with military honors will be arranged at a later time. His cremated remains will be interred next to his wife at the Alpine Cemetery in San Diego County, CA. A Celebration of Life picnic is planned for family and friends at Crown Point beach, San Diego, CA, later this summer. In lieu of gifts, please feel free to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

To all family and friends, the mortuary website allows anyone to leave a sentiment, story, letter or picture in memory of our father Thomas Enerva.

For more information please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas Enerva

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ We loved our brother so much, he was such a good, kind man.. So many wonderful memories of our childhood and young adulthood that we will never forget. Our bond will never be broken. We will miss him. Love, his sisters Barbara and Virginia ❤️

Barbara Schaub - May 20, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ My heart goes out to the entire family. Deep condolences to all. I recall soooo many wonderful memories of Tom Enerva in my life, really.

While in high school, I met Kathy, his daughter, which led to a life-long friendship. And if you were going to spend significant time at the Enerva household, you were going to get to know Tom. And gosh did I. He was a real father figure in my life, for many years. For this I am still grateful.

Thank you Enerva family, for the many years of love and friendship you have all given to me, and will continue to do so. Without your father on this earth, I would have never known this beautiful loving family, headed by this beautiful loving man, Thomas Enerva.

*Love,
Tasha Slatton*

Tasha Slatton - May 18, 2021 at 08:12 PM