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Tony Leow, of San Mateo, was born in Stockton, California. He attended San Joaquin Delta College (Business Administration Associate of Arts Degree – 1980) and California Bible College (Theology and Biblical Studies Degree – 1982). Shortly after graduation from Bible College, he served as a summer missionary in Hong Kong for three months. He was briefly involved in a church-planting work in Sunnyvale under Pastor Sen Wong. He was next employed by Smart Company for a period of four and a half years, as a Regional Manager in charge of photocopying medical records. He also worked as a print salesman for four years at Olympia Press and Sapir Press. He completed an Ophthalmic Technical Program at National Education Center in 1991 and worked as an optician (first at Patricia Chang, OD [San Carlos], then Parkside Optical [San Mateo], and finally at Borel Eye Center [San Mateo] from 1991 until his death. He was a longtime member of Fellowship Bible Church of Belmont, serving as a deacon for 15 years, as well as teaching in Sunday School, Children's Ministries, and Adult Fellowships. Tony loved to cook, and took great delight in sharing his cooking with family, friends and neighbors. His secret wish was to open a restaurant of his own one day. He also had a gift for construction, and worked for a time in that field, overseeing the completion of several construction projects and undertaking building expansions of his own home. He is survived by his devoted wife of 28 years, Tina, his children, Michael and Matthew, his mother, Rebecca Leow, of Stockton, and his brothers, Danny Leow, of Suisun City, and Ronny Leow, of San Mateo. He is also survived by his legal ward, Stella Subroto [Tina's niece], and Tina's nephew, William Subroto, both currently living with the family. There will be a viewing on December 15, 2012, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for family and close friends only. A memorial service is being planned for January 12, 2013, at Fellowship Bible Church, Belmont. Details are pending.



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January 24 at 11:45 AM



Anonymous posted:

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January 24 at 11:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

I feel very blessed to have worked with Tony these past few years at Borel Eye Doctors. Some of my co-workers called him "father office"... personally, I referred to him as Papa Tony, but we all called him friend! The day of his passing, I went to pick up lunch for the office and came back to the door locked and lights off. The look on everyone's face told me, but I still couldn't believe he was gone. In fact, I don't know if it has sunk in yet (I still expect to see him when I walk). We closed the office immediately that day, but no one wanted to go home. We were all in shock and didn't want to be apart, so instead we stayed together, hugging, crying, silent, then finally smiling and laughing. We started talking about all of the funny things we could remember about Tony! We pulled our phones out and started showing pictures of him! In fact, we have a little area with multiple pictures that we've printed, so we can "see" Tony every day. Not only did I work with Tony, but Tina and Tony opened up their home to me and I lived there for a year. Anyone who knew Tony talks about his cooking. I had to endure smelling his cooking and knowing it wasn't for me, but I'd (almost always) open up the fridge and find some yummy offering that they would leave for me to enjoy! My condolences to Tina, Michael, Matt, Stella, William, and the rest of the family! I know you have the joy of knowing that you will see him again, but please know that I have been and will continue to be praying for peace for you! I miss you Papa Tony!~Brooke##imported-begin##Brooke Northrop##imported-end##

January 16 at 11:41 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I'm sure you've heard the saying, "When you spend so much time with your coworkers they become your second family." Well that's what we have become and he was the father of our family. I called him "Father Office" because he treated me like his daughter. He gave me great advice. He took care of me. I remember him letting me borrow his jumper cables and flares when I went on my road trip to Yosemite. He always said, "If you need anything, and I mean anything, do not hesitate to call me. I'll pick up." He always made me special pb&j and turkey sandwiches, not to mention the egg mcmuffins he brought us every saturday and how about those special meals he'd cook for each our birthdays! He was thee absolute best cook and above all, the best person to crack jokes with. He made work fun. I have never been around such a caring, humorous, and generous person in my life. He touched my heart and made me a better person. I can only hope to share all that he's taught me with others. Growing up I never had a strong male figure in my life and I guess that's why I admired Tony so much. He did so much for everyone and always had their best intentions in mind. Although I only shared two years of his life, I know that I am blessed to have known him for those few years. He will truly be missed. I think about him every day.##imported-begin##Delenia Garcia##imported-end##

January 12 at 12:50 PM



Anonymous posted:

It's been my pleasure to have known Tony since he first moved out to the Bay Area to attend Bible College. In fact, he lived with me in our apartment in Daly City when he first arrived and I recall many fun and memorable moments. One time he went to relax in the sauna room and he fell asleep for about an hour. When he woke up, he was so dehydrated that his legs wouldn't move. Typical of the gritty spirit in Tony, he rolled to the floor and crawled his way to the door. We laughed together about that experience among many others. I'll miss Tony, but I know that we'll see each other again in heaven with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Chun Kung##imported-end##

January 12 at 11:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

We really miss our brother Tony. God has been good to our family as God gives us peace and comfort each day and moment. We thank our church family, family friends and all who have given so much to us during this time. Today is Tony's Memorialat Fellowship Bible Church. It will start at 2 pm. We are grateful for this time to get together and share memories of Tony and how Tony impacted our lives. A time to encourage Tina, his boys, Michael and Matthew, William and Stella; and his mother and brothers. All those that loved Tony. May the memory of how Tony encouraged you to seek God be with you always.##imported-begin##Sandy Leow##imported-end##

January 12 at 11:04 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Tony was more to me than someone who worked at Borel Eye Doctors with my wife Kelly he was a kind and generous friend. I experienced first hand his generosity and kindness when I was flat on my back at home from a serious injury. He constantly sent food home with Kelly for me to enjoy and always asked how I was recovering. I can not express in words what that meant to me. He always extended an open invitation to his home for Borel Eye Doctor gatherings where I got several chances to enjoy his hospitality and enjoy more of his world famous BBQ. It is rare in life that we come across someone who is so kind and generous and adds a smile to our lives and who puts others ahead of themselves. Tony enriched all our lives and I will always be a better person for knowing him. My heart and prayers go out to Tina and his entire family. I wish them strength and happy memories. Rest In Peace My Good Friend-##imported-begin##Darrin L. Haug##imported-end##

January 12 at 8:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

My husband Darrin and I wish to express our gratitude and respect for what Tony brought to our lives. In this life, we often spend more time with our co-workers than we do with our own immediate family. And with Tony, he brought our staff together in the true sense of an office family. This is a sentiment that is constantly reflected in many of our staff talks about Tony memories, too. He had the special talent of great conversation, and always took time to engage each and every one of us. Tony truly cared about each and every one of us, and we knew it just by the little things. His acts of kindness are what I mean when I say it's in just the little things like: offering to pick me up from the airport after my vacation so we didn't have to pay for parking for ten days at SFO, or dropping me off at the local mechanic when my car was ready so I didn't have to walk the four blocks to go get it. These things that Tony offered out of the goodness of his heart were always so sweet and just show how kind he was each and every day I worked with him. An especially touching favor he bestowed upon us comes to mind, too. My husband had a spine injury and was home laid up for several months; each and every day Tony would ask me how Darrin was doing and to let him know he said hello and was pulling for him to get well soon. During that time, Tony on several occasions, thought enough of us to bring us some of his famous chili or chicken wings for me to take home to Darrin. Just so thoughtful, and boy did it cheer my husband up! Those are just a few examples of gestures Tony extended to me personally. They were always unexpected, greatly appreciated and speak to the type of man he was. What I learned from Tony was to always look at the bright side of life. He lived life with the most positivity, and when asked "how you doin Tony?" more often than not his reply would be an enthusiastic "GREAT! I've never known someone to always be in a great mood all the time~ before Tony. His smile and attitude was infectious, and you couldn't have a bad day at work with Tony around. Tony holds a special place in our hearts, and will be remembered fondly. Our hearts go out to Tina, Michael and Matthew, Stella and William, his mother, his brothers, and his extended family. We will miss our Tony forever! Kelly Haug~ Office Manager and co-worker of Borel Eye Doctors

December 20 at 11:30 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Tina, Michael, Mathew, Stella, and William I can remember your Dad from before he was married to your Mom. We remember him as a go getter and very committed to doing the Lord's work. He would share whatever he had with others to help in any way and to promote the work of the Lord. He was involved in every ministry at the church from teaching, being a deacon, being in many committees and overseeing many projects at the church. He was a considerate, compassionate person who you could call upon for help, ask for prayer, would give a hand in moving things. He was even a pall bearer at my Mother's funeral when she passed. He loved to tease and always had a joke, funny comment, a jab that would get us laughing in our fellowship. We were always amazed at his ability to recall verses, doctrines, important lessons that had been taught to him when he was in Bible College. Tony was a pillar of faith and support in the church. You could count on him offering to help set up, bring food, clean up, and whatever else needed to be done. He would at a moments notice offer to cover a topic as he did for our current series. We have very fond memories of our friendship with Tony, the many camps, retreats, fellowship meetings, dinners, valentine dinners, the list goes on. You don't realize how special and wonderful the person is until you recount what you have done together. We will greatly miss our brother in Christ but know we will be reunited someday in heaven. We Praise the Lord for our time together on earth and look towards eternity for an even greater time together and with our Lord! Love Kelvin and Ruby, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Victoria and Philip##imported-begin##Kelvin and Ruby Choi##imported-end##

January 11 at 3:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

The last time I saw Tony was the night before he & Tina were leaving for Tahoe. I can still see his smiling face and I will look forward to seeing his smiling face when we meet again in Heaven! Like everyone else, I enjoyed his cooking, sense of humor and gracious hospitality.##imported-begin##Della Chun##imported-end##

January 11 at 2:02 PM



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Anonymous posted:

It was really hard to put into words what Tony meant to me, as a friend, a co-worker, and a brother-in-law. Sandy is married to Ronny, Tony's brother, so I have shared his, and his family's, company over the year. He always showed his love by bring food for us at Borel Eye Doctors, as well as inviting me to his home for dinner or to share food to take home. He and Tina were always generous to open there home for gatherings and events....I think he really smiled the most seeing us dig into his delicious bbq ribs. But what I am most grateful for, is that he would listen and pray for me and my marriage. He would inspire me with how much he loves Tina, many times calling her his girlfriend, with a sly boyish grin.The Tuesday, when I received the news from Ronny on Tony's passing, all I could think about was whether I had ever told him how much he meant to me.But then I remembered, that just the Thursday before he left on his trip with Tina to Tahoe, we went to a continuing education dinner at Dave and Busters. In the car we had fun talking and sharing. Although unspoken, I know he knew we had a brotherly love, ...sometimes it would be some fatherly love..., that I will always treasure. Tony, I know you are in great hands, as you have always trusted knowing where you were going....looking forward to "singing in the Halleluja Choir."Praise the Lord for your life among us and your many acts of unselfish love. This is not goodbye, but I'll see you later, my brother.##imported-begin##Michael Lew##imported-end##

January 11 at 1:05 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tony was one of those light-up-the-room kind of people. His contagious laugh and caring smile was always available and such an encouragement. I've known Tony since I was in Junior High and he has been a steadfast, faithful part of our church, an essential part of our body that God used in so many ways. I loved how he made my girls smile. Morgan especially loved big hugs from Uncle Tony. We will see you again in glory, Tony. Have fun in your new mansion.##imported-begin##Christine Wong##imported-end##

January 9 at 10:56 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I will always remember Tony for his sense of humor, caring attitude, and love for his family, Stella, and William. There was one time in particular I will never forget because it makes me smile to this day. Back when the Thanksgiving Banquet was held in Foster City, there were four buffet lines going to speed things up...two on either side of the auditorium. I didn't know that when I was getting my food, however. After going through the first buffet line, which went halfway along the side of a wall, I started heading to the second half of the tables. Tony was standing in-between the buffet lines, probably to direct people like me, and when he saw me try to continue on, he stated, "Hey, this isn't Vegas." I was a bit embarrassed but laughed all the same. I remember he let out a chuckle at that point, too. I will miss laughing with you, Tony, but look forward to doing so again one day!###imported-begin##Caroline Cheung##imported-end##

January 9 at 9:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tony was the most easy going guy I haveever seen. You felt comfortable and peaceful when you talked with him.His love of food was delightful and itshowed the Chinese cultural side of Tony. He's greatly missed from all ofus in Canada. We'll all pray for him.###imported-begin##Janny Li Fung##imported-end##

January 9 at 7:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so glad I had a chance to meet Tony during a family gathering in Toronto recently. Caring, funny, smart, and just and overall great guy. He'll be missed dearly. My condolences go out to the whole family.###imported-begin##Lisa Li##imported-end##

January 1 at 3:53 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Helena and I were so sad to hear about Tony's passing. We both have vivid memories of him—a very joyful spirit and someone who was always willing to help out. He was so friendly with a great smile and a firm handshake. We remember him when we were sponsors of TNT and C3. I believe Tony met Tina at TNT. I still remember the martial arts class that he conducted at Hoover School gym. And, I still remember getting black and blue forearms from the routines he taught. He was so enthusiastic about teaching us. It is a blessing to know that he is with the Lord. We will always remember this faithful servant of God who was a wonderful family man and a friend to so many of us. Gary and Helena Gin

December 24 at 11:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

I first met Tony 18 years ago at my first professional job after graduating from college. He was a great guy to work with since he was always jolly, funny and supportive. While at work, he would always share his parental wisdom and favorite recipes with me. One recipe I remember most was how to make an inexpensive cut of meat taste like a "Good Eats" with a can of cream of mushroom soup. He'd always make work more enjoyable with his laughter and talks about food. He'd always arrive and leave the work office with a smile on his face. Whether at work or at church, I have always witnessed Tony's humble and loving spirit towards his family, friends and coworkers. He will be greatly missed by all.

December 22 at 7:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tony was very much like our oldest son when he came to live with us. He would "steam roll" our two boys when they were about 2nd and 3rd grade. Tony honored us with his cooking skills and helps around the house with a willing heart. There is a special place in our family for him as he shall be remembered fondly for his gentle and loving ways.

December 21 at 9:03 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Tony at Borel eye Doctors. When we heard the news on Tuesday we were devastated. We closed up shop, but stayed and talked together. After the tears came Tony stories, and we laughed more and more. His passing didn't hit me until Saturday, when I realized that the man was gone, and how much I'd miss him. Very selfish of me, and not a quality he possessed. His family and friends have suffered a great loss. He was sharing and generous and kind. I hope that I can carry forward some of the things I learned from just being around him, and so keep his spirit alive and well. I miss you Tony. With love to his family.###imported-begin##Janet Wilson###imported-end##

December 20 at 5:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tony was a dear brother to us. He loved holding each of my 4 girls when they were babies. In turn, they all loved getting bear hugs from Uncle Tony. Tony invited our family to his home for many events, including Easter egg hunts and fellowship meetings. Seven year old Cali says, "I miss Uncle Tony."###imported-begin##Daisy Wong###imported-end##

December 20 at 4:20 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deep sympathy and love go out to Tina and the children. During the many years since Sandy and Ron were married, Tony and his family were always a great encouragement to me and my family. Many a time when we were visiting the Bay Area, Tony initiated open invitations to come to their home for celebratory events, which included such enjoyable meals. There were several times that I would be in town for business, and even though it was only for a few hours, Tony would offer an invite to dinner. Their hospitality to us and others, exemplified his love for God and love for others. I have always seen Tony as a humble servant, as he served his family and the Lord. I am confident that Tony is resting in the peaceful arms of our Heavenly Father, and will patiently await that future reunion with family and friends. His hope of eternity with Jesus may have come sooner than we thought, but God provides comfort as we grieve during this season. The God of hope be with the family, as we celebrate Tony's life. A part of Tony is always with us, because that Hope he shared is in his family and in others. We will miss you Tony. With love and heart felt sadness, Joe and Ching and family.###imported-begin##Joseph Chan###imported-end##

December 20 at 11:30 AM



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