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Marvin Castro, 52, of Millbrae died January 19, 2017 from multiple organ failure during his five month stay in the Intensive Care Unit of Kaiser in South San Francisco. Marvin was born at Kaiser in San Francisco to Luis and Rosa Castro on January 20, 1964. He spent his early years in San Francisco, moving to Belmont with his parents and younger brother Louis at age 12. Growing up, Marvin loved to read and showed exceptional musical talent, eventually learning how to play the piano, guitar and drums. He was also a fantastic artist, and enjoyed creating pencil drawings and sketches. Marvin made lifelong friends Rich and Keith throughout his school years. He graduated from Carlmont High School, where he and his friends started a band. Marvin met his friend Sean, who joined the Castro's annual Super Bowl parties which fell around the time of Marvin's birthday each year. He began working at his parent's restaurant, Mi Tequila, after completing a culinary program in San Francisco. He met his wife Genoveva at Mi Tequila in 1988, whom he trained to work alongside him as a server. In 1989, they welcomed their first daughter, Stephanie. The three moved to San Mateo, welcoming the second addition to the Castro family, Daniella, in 1994. Marvin and Genoveva bought Mi Tequila in 1998 and had their third daughter, Juliana, the following year. Marvin and his family moved to Millbrae shortly after, which became their community for the next 17 years. In 2007, Marvin began working at Sofitel in Redwood City. He made many meaningful friendships at the hotel, some of whom would drop by Mi Tequila for dinner throughout the years. Marvin and Genoveva formed relationships with many patrons of Mi Tequila, making it a place where everyone who walked through the doors felt like family. The couple formed a particularly special bond with Genoveva's sister, Edi, and her husband Carlos. The four of them worked at the restaurant together for years, and spent much of their free time together. Their families celebrated birthdays and holidays in each other's homes, and often took trips



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together. Their fondest memories were those spent in Disneyland, and celebrating Christmas Eve at Marvin and Genoveva's home each year. Marvin belonged to Saint Dunstan's Parish in Millbrae, where he and Genoveva were remarried as recognized by the Catholic faith. They celebrated this milestone with their family and friends on his birthday in 2013. Marvin was a dedicated husband and father, whose greatest joy in life was spending time with his wife and daughters. He was known to send silly texts and loved to share his favorite music, movies and television shows. He also enjoyed creating unique dishes and sharing the ingredients he used over family dinner. Marvin was more than a father figure to his daughters; he was one of their best friends. He and Genoveva raised their daughters to be resilient, curious, and kind. Even in his final days, Marvin continuously asked his daughters how they were doing, and looked forward to his wife's visits every single day. Marvin will be truly missed by all who knew him. Marvin is survived by his loving wife Genoveva and their daughters Stephanie, Daniella, Juliana and their family dog Kita; his parents Luis and Rosa Castro; brother Louis Castro, sister-in-law Gabriela Castro, and their daughters Josie and Marissa; sister-in-law Edilia Villegas, her husband Carlos Villegas, and their children Alexis and Nicole; sister-in-law Luzma Vidal and her children Misty, Mandy and Genesis; cousins Lorraine, Vicky, Elizabeth (Mario and children), Karla (Ruben and children), Mark (Jennifer and children), Ivette (Simon and children); aunt Ana Gloria (Alfredo); and uncles Rodolfo (Martha) and Samuel (Conchi). A service will be held at 11 AM Thursday January 26, 2017 at Skylawn Memorial Park, Hwy 92 at Rte. 35, San Mateo. A reception will be held at Mi Tequila Restaurant following the service at around 1 PM. If you have any questions, please call Skylawn at (650) 349-4411. The Castro family is so grateful to be surrounded by such a loving support system during this time. A special thank you to the doctors and nurses of the ICU at South San Francisco Kaiser; your compassion and service were more than we could have ever hoped for. Many thanks to Marvin's co-workers from Sofitel, who showed their genuine care through prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. We invite everyone who was touched by Marvin's beautiful soul to leave memories, stories, and photos in the comment section. To Marvin, the most humble, open-hearted and genuine man: we will think of you often, and love you always.



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NO

Nicole Ortega posted:

So saddened to hear of your passing. My family and I will always treasure our fond memories of family meals and quality time shared at Mi Tequila. Sending prayers, love and gratitude for creating such a wonderful place for us to come together in. Love and blessings to your friends and family. God bless you Marvin.

December 28 at 2:48 PM

CA

Claudia Aragón posted:

My dear Marvin, how far God has taken you, far from the Pain and Suffering, until there a strong hug sent you a kiss, I know that you will be watching very closely all those who leave here, waiting to meet you again In the wonderful place where God keeps each of his children, I know that I'll see you again, please give my greetings to my daddy, give him a kiss from me, tell him that I really miss him very much. To the family; Aunts, aunts, uncles, the whole family in general, I truly join with their pain, may Peace and love of God reign in their hearts and the knowledge that they will no longer see him suffer is his strength, that the Holy Spirit of God Be giving them that comfort, that only he can give. Hugs. Claudia Aragón

January 30 at 6:24 AM



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RM

Rich Mintz posted:

A heartfelt eulogy for my best friend, Marvin Edgar Castro January 26, 2017 Marv and I met during our first class, of our first morning, of 7th Grade. As we soon noticed that day that we shared several classes, I seem to recall saying, "Well? I guess we're supposed to be friends!?" We quickly realized that, among other things, we shared loves of music, humor, sarcasm, and drawing cartoons. Soon enough, we introduced our parents, and thereafter, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, &etc. We all became extended family. My side all knows Marvin, and vice versa. At the time, when we were young, we sort of looked alike too, to the extent that teachers "and even, once, Marvin's beloved aunt, Ana Gloria, for a moment from behind, got us confused. In fact, as I so looked up to him, I took that as a high compliment. In time we brought other friends into our tight-knit circle, 3 in particular remaining today " Keith, Jeff, and Sean. Together we'd experience teachers, girlfriends, concerts, cars, movies, holidays, graduations, birthdays, playoffs, and other teen & young adult rites of passage. Who could forget, of course, those legendary Superbowl parties at the Castros' home on Somerset Drive? Eventually, we'd introduce wives and children too. For 40 years " since that long-ago September morning in classroom #2 at Ralston Intermediate School, Marv & I have been soulmates, goofballs, partners in crime, brothers, and best friends. But that's the thing about Marvin? He's so nice, and SO genuine, that EVERYONE considers him their longtime Best Friend!!!! I have a few?. But who knows, he probably has Forty or Fifty!!! In any event. If you'd asked me back in 7th Grade, or at Carlmont High, or San Francisco State (where Marv joined me for 1 or 2 semesters) " or at any moment in the 3 decades since " I certainly couldn't have seen this day coming. That Marv has left us at such a young & tender age is not only unfair and a tragedy for his family " Geno, Stephanie, Daniella, Julie, Rosa & Luis, Louis & family; Vicky, Karla, Lorraine, Ana, and all the cousins " and of course all the rest of us who knew and loved him. But, of course, it makes our time and memories together only that more precious. I'm grateful that Marv & I had opportunity to travel together. From shared Castro family trips to Tahoe, to annual returns during high school & college for January snow days, to the epic trip we shared during college to my native East Coast " my hometown of Buffalo, across the Canadian border to Toronto, and, of course, to New York City, spawning dear and hilarious(!!) memories. That we lived for 2 weeks on the road together without a single disagreement, clued me in for the first time that ours was a platonic marriage that truly worked. Our deep friendship really helped pull this lonesome, displaced East Coaster, up and into renewed life as a happy & settled Californian. As memories and laughs swirl in my head, one thing is clear. Marvin was a uniquely special person, with the ability to uplift all in his sphere. Today I'm relieved and happy Marvin is no longer suffering and in pain, and is instead bathed in the warm company of his Lord. That said?. We love and miss you, pal. Today and always.

January 24 at 5:22 AM



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JL

Jim Liston posted:

Carol and I were saddened to hear of Marvin's passing and would like to offer our condolences to the Castro family. I met Marvin in 2002 prior to Carol and I getting married in 2003 and we enjoyed many delicious meals and margaritas at Mi Tequila prior to our retirement and relocation back to Illinois in June 2013. Marvin was always a gracious host and we got to be regular Friday night diners in the 10 years we lived in Pacifica. We celebrated many birthdays and anniversaries there with family and friends. In 2007 we hosted a reunion in Pacifica for my Marine unit I served with in 64-65 and all 50 of us went to Mi Tequila on a Thursday night, As usual the food was superb and a few people in our group who continued sight seeing in the bay area made a special point of going back to Mi Tequila prior to catching their flights home. Marvin was always smiling and took time to say hello, even when he was busy cooking in the kitchen and I would stick my head in and say Hi. We will always have fond memories of Marvin and hold a special place in our heart for him, as I am sure so many others do. RIP dear friend. We love you and miss you.

January 29 at 6:53 AM

MO

Mary Ontano posted:

We will miss that beautiful smile as he greeted us every time we walked into Mi Tequila. What a truly wonderful person!!!! Prayers and positive thoughts to his beautiful family. Mary, Elizabeth and Drew Ontano

January 27 at 10:09 AM

RH

Roxanne Hidalgo posted:

Marvin was my very own personal superhero. He was the most genuine, compassionate, kind, humble, supportive, and hardest working man I have ever had the pleasure of working with. We shared so many laughs, tears, and frustrated screams in those receiving walk-ins and our fishbowl of an office. I will always cherish the bond that we were able to share throughout the past few years. You will forever be in my heart

January 26 at 7:22 AM



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ER

Emmanuel Robert posted:

My dear Marvin, you were a true gem to this world and the people around you. Your kindness, love for others and witty sense of humor will be missed, you were a blessing to all of us and I will miss you dearly but will always carry your memories in my heart. Thank you for your friendship and the time we spent together, I will cherish those moments forever! My love to you and your family, god bless you my dear friend ❤️ Emmanuel

January 25 at 3:19 PM

CA

Cruz Argumedo posted:

Marvin Castro, you will always be in our hearts and part of our special memories. God bless you and keep you on your heavenly journey. Our love to Rosie, Luis, Louis and many loved ones: there are so many of you because of Marvin's influence in your lives. He will always be a guiding force. Amen.

January 25 at 2:18 PM

SP

Sean Perkins posted:

So very sad to see you go my friend. I can't imagine living life with out you in it. Thanks for all the great memories. Best wishes to you & your family Marvin. Sean B. Perkins

January 25 at 8:07 AM

JV

Justin Viegas posted:

Over the few years of having the pleasure to work with Marvin- words cannot express the bond we have formed over the many storeroom talks, life lessons and both the laughs and tears of life. I will always remember the deep conversations we had while I sat on boxes and spoke to you while you attentively listened to both my problems and my achievements. I am ever so grateful for the conversations we shared. You taught me to listen. Forever in our memories Good vibes and well wishes to the Castro family. Lots of love Marrrrrrrrrrvin – you rest.

January 25 at 5:32 AM

JW

Joseph Wong posted:

I can't imagine how you're feeling right now and I won't pretend to know the loss that you're experiencing but we just want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joe and Sara Wong

January 24 at 5:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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