



## Miguel Javier Toruno

August 14, 1970 - February 24, 2018

Miguel J. Toruno, 47, passed away suddenly at his home. He was born in Oakland, lived in Washington, DC for many years and finally moved to Benicia three years ago. Miguel attended St. Joseph's School in Pinole as a child, and graduated from Pinole Valley High School, UC Berkeley and earned his law degree from St. John's University in New York.

Miguel has worked the past 20 years as a lawyer, many of those years in Washington, DC for the House Ethics Committee. He was an author and playwright. He authored the play "Katie" which ran in New York and San Francisco for a brief time. Miguel also authored the website [www.dresscoderules.com](http://www.dresscoderules.com). He loved to travel, spoke three languages and was an art enthusiast.

Miguel is survived by his mother Marcia Toruno, father Javier Toruno; brother Luis Rodolfo Toruno and his sisters Patricia Toruno Eske & Gabriela Anne Toruno.

Visitation will be after 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8th followed by Vigil services at 7:00 p.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West Second Street, Benicia. Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 9th at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia. Reception will follow. Burial will be private.



# Previous Events

## Vigil

MAR 8. 7:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel  
901 W Second Street  
Benicia, CA 94510  
(707) 745-3130  
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com  
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 9. 1:30 PM (PT)

St Dominic's  
475 East I Street  
Benicia, Ca 97510

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miguel Javier Toruno*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *To the Toruno family...it was a pleasure getting to know Miguel a little bit more after he moved to Benicia. We were so saddened to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Peace and Love: Renee, Andre, Ryan and Cameron Stewart*

**Renee Stewart** - March 08, 2018 at 02:14 PM



“ *Miguel's friends from the Ethics Committee purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Miguel Javier Toruno.*



**Miguel's friends from the Ethics Committee** - March 07, 2018 at 10:34 AM

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“ *To Miguel's Family,*

*Miguel and I lived together in college for years: this is Gursh. I'm so devastated by this loss. I am flying down from Portland for the Thursday Vigil. Donna and Marty, from our Freshman-year dorm, are coming as well. Greg (another roommate) is coming on Friday, because he booked his flight before we knew the funeral was private. We are all crushed by this news.*

*Miguel and I had a great friendship at Berkeley. We would eat lunch at a cafe together almost everyday, both getting cream of broccoli soup. My children know Miguel-stories; that is how much he touched and influenced me in our formative years.*

*The last time I saw Miguel was when he was visiting Portland to see his aunt. My biggest regret is that I kept putting off a trip to see him in D.C.*

*He was one of the most interesting, intelligent, and moral people I have ever met, and his loss leaves a hole in my heart and soul.*

*I send my sincerest condolences to you all, and will see you on Thursday.*

*Gursh*

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**Gursharn Khatra** - March 04, 2018 at 04:26 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miguel Javier Toruno.*



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March 03, 2018 at 02:53 PM