

Joe Fraga

October 21, 1973 - May 12, 2025

Joe Fraga, a beloved husband, father, friend, and pillar of his community, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully in his sleep on Monday, May 12, 2025, at the age of 51. His passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Joe was known for his unwavering kindness, sharp wit, and generous spirit. Whether through his professional work, his involvement in local causes, or his everyday interactions, Joe made a lasting impact on those around him, especially the youth. He coached many kids over the years, whether through Long Beach Youth Football, Chino Hills Girls Softball (League President), Chino Hills Little League (Board Member), or System Baseball (Travel Team Founder). He also shared his love for Jesus serving as a youth leader at both Inland Hills Church and The Bridge Church. It also must be said that Joe was “voluntold” by Lissa to assist in all of her volunteering endeavors including Cal Aero PTO, The School of Arts and Enterprise Foundation, and leading the charge to get his community a much-needed second school. That school, Legacy Academy, opened last year, and we’re so glad he got to see that.

He loved “breaking bread” with friends, watching Kaylie perform, yelling at the TV during Dodgers and Cowboys games....but his perfect evening was just being home playing board games, watching his favorite shows, and snuggling with his “rib”.

Joe is survived by the love of his life and soulmate Lissa, with whom he shared for nearly 20 years. His children: Alyssa, Joey, and Kaylie, who will carry forward his legacy of compassion, strength, and integrity. His mother Gerarda and siblings: Gaby (Manuel), Patty (Martin), Lily, Danny (Bernice), and Dora (Juan). His beloved in-laws: Father-in-law John, Mother-in-law Nena, Jay (Sarah), and Veronica (Fred). And, 27 nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. Joe was preceded in death by his father Jose Fraga Sr., his brother Juan Carlos, and Carlos’ wife Lety. We find comfort in knowing he is reunited in heaven with so many people he loved.

Joe’s love for life was evident in the stories he told, the friendships he nurtured, and the laughter he shared. He had an unmatched ability to bring people together and make everyone feel seen and heard. He had a way of connecting with the youth, and knew it was his God-given gift.

A celebration of Joe’s life will be held on Friday, May 30, at The Fox Theatre in downtown Pomona at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the Chino Thanksgiving Giveaway, a cause that the Fraga’s started 9 years ago that now provides Thanksgiving feasts for 500 Chino Valley families every year. Checks can be made payable to: The City of Chino, 13220 Central Ave, Chino, CA 91710 (note: Joe Fraga Thanksgiving on the memo line).

Though he may no longer be with us in person, Joe’s warmth, wisdom, and love will live on in the many lives he touched. We miss him terribly, and our hearts are broken, but we find solace in something he always said, “I’m a fervent servant, I know where I’m going!”

Well done, good and faithful servant...well done.

