



Dr. T.J. Rosandich
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Dear TJ,

We are sure that you are overwhelmed with condolences from around the world for the loss of your Papa. We want to join the thousands of people that your father meaningful touched during his life and express our grief for the sad news.

Tom was one of our close friends, if not the most, loved friend in our family from the US; beyond his great personal values and natural skills for diplomacy and business he was always passionate with our family and our foundation's mission.

As our Papa, Tom was always interesting in the confluence of his passion (Sports) with everything else and everywhere in the world. Probably that was the reason they started immediately their friendship in Daphne, AL in 1990. We know he had extraordinary artists around him and the legacy of the ASAMA to the world is priceless. We feel so honored that Tom chose our Papa to do the main mural that dress the outside wall of the ASAMA with the Robinson iconic mural. For sure that decision relied not just on the mutual admiration beyond respect and admiration but love of these two titans from a generation that made the world a much better world for us today. We will never forget all visits to the USSA, USA and Spain, now turning into gold memories of with you, Tom, and Sally with our family. This love will be present to our last days in our heart and memories.

From his example we always find inspiration and strength to continue our mission at large as well as simple things like the long morning walks, no matter where we were, his fast replies, our fruitful brainstorming, the strong leverage on his network to maximize the value of the work, and so on. That kind of commitment and vitality is still a daily lesson to look at.

We are proud and honored that he was also for many years trustee of our US foundation, jury member of our award program, and finally the recipient of the 2013 International Gabarron Sports Award, an award shared previously by sport legends like Samaranch, Zidane, and the NYC Marathon to name just a few in the Sports but also other laureates as Nobel prize or Prime ministers in other fields that showed our highest recognition to individuals to our world; in this way Tom was also at the highest level. His contribution to the Sports worldwide for more than half century are worthy many, many awards and recognitions. His early vision for sport education

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fully turned into a reality beyond imagination. We will never forget the visionary, the passionate art lover, our beloved friend, and now turning in a legend for those to come that won't share the privilege of knowing him in life. His flame is no longer with us but the light of his flame will enlighten our life and keep warm those memories forever.

We would have loved to be there with you in the funeral but due to the Covid19 is not possible to travel to US under the Presidential Proclamation 9993. We are sorry, but please let us know an address we could send flowers that he always loved, as well as if you need anything from us.

With our love and friendship,

Papa, Cris, Juan, and the rest of the Gabarron Family.

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