



Jacob Francis Respicio Toves

October 4, 1979 - November 13, 2023

On Monday, November 13, 2023, Jacob Francis Respicio Toves, known to all of us as Jake, loving son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend, passed from this life to his eternal reward at the age of 44.

Jake was born on October 4, 1979, to Dave and Marie Toves in Tamuning, Guam. He was the oldest of three siblings and was raised in Sinajana, Guam. At the age of two, Dad and Mom found the Acts 2:38 truth and, at the age of four, he received the gift of the Holy Ghost. At the age of six, he was baptized on the 9th day of March 1986 at Ypao Beach, Tumon, Guam, in the wonderful and saving name of Jesus Christ by our Pastor and “Grandpa” Roy Bettis. He attended CL Taitano Elementary school, Harvest Christian Academy, and graduated with a high-school/trade degree from Guam Community College in 1998. During his senior year, he was the President of the Guam chapter of DECA- Distributive Education Clubs of America, was Technician of the Year, and was featured in Who’s Who Among American High School Students. Jake’s love of computers began at the age of 15 when Dad bought the family a computer. Jake proceeded to take it apart, to the consternation of our dad. However, he stated, “Don’t worry, Dad, I’ll put it back together.” Not only did he put it back together, he made it run faster. This interest in computers grew into a life-long love and passion for technology, which also became his career. In the 10th grade, he was the IT manager for PIC, a communications company in downtown Agana, Guam.

The first of his immediate family to leave Guam, he moved to Monterey,

California, at the age of 19 where he pursued his love for tech and “spread his wings”. In the year 2000, he moved in with his cousin Frankie Cruz in Elk Grove and visited The Rock Church. He had no idea how God would orchestrate his return to Elk Grove many years later where he would commit his last years in life to his Savior.

The years in between 2000 and 2021 he moved to Seattle where he held a Sr. Tech position with Groupee and lived with his brother and sister, helping his sister through college. After his sister graduated and left Seattle and his brother married, he moved back to Guam where he was the IT manager for Dusit Thani Resort and where he met Stephannie. He moved back to Seattle with Stephannie in 2019 .

In 2021, after the tragic passing of his fiancée Stephannie, he re-consecrated his life to God, and the trajectory of his life drastically changed. He moved back to Elk Grove and began attending The Rock Church. While already a leader in his profession, he became a leader for the Kingdom of God. In 2022, his prayer was answered when he got his last job here on Earth with Splice Communications as one of their Sr. IT Project Managers. Around the same time, he became the Executive Director of IT at The Rock Church. During his off hours, he invested countless volunteer hours upgrading systems, streamlining processes, and making improvements.

In his spare time, Jake loved gaming and spending time with his family, in particular his nephews Lincoln and Maverick, with whom he boxed, wrestled, and taught to throw a football, and his nieces Eliana and Gigi. He loved buying them gifts and treats, with their parents’ permission, of course (sometimes). He is survived by his parents, David (Dave) and Marie Toves; his brother Joel Toves; his sister Nichole Williams and brother-in-law Brian Williams; his nieces Eliana Toves and Georgiana (Gigi) Williams; his nephews Lincoln and Maverick Williams; his grandfather Richard McQueen (and wife Debbie); and numerous other beloved family members including his uncles, aunts, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparent Ruth McQueen; his maternal grandparents Ambrosio and Teresita Respicio; and

other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

His Homegoing Service will be held on November 27, 2023, at 11:00 am at The Rock Church in Elk Grove, California. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm at East Lawn Cemetery in Elk Grove, California.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Memorial Park

9189 East Stockton Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Previous Events

Homegoing Service

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

The Rock Church
8520 Bradshaw Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624