



## Joseph Thomas West Jr

February 15, 1952 - April 28, 2026

With deep sorrow, his daughters announce the passing of Joseph Thomas West, Jr., known to his friends and family as “Tom.” Tom took his last breaths in his home in Hemet, California on April 28, 2026, following a fierce battle against throat cancer. In the short 74 years he had on this earth, Tom lived more lifetimes than most can ever hope for. He served honorably for over 30 years in the United States Marine Corps, deploying to almost every country in east Asia, making it his mission to experience the culture, food, and alcohol of every place he visited. A man of boundless passion and energy, Tom still found time to host legendary barbecues, camp on the beautiful beaches of Okinawa, and build furniture with his own two hands. After his retirement, he eventually made his way back to Camp Pendleton as a contractor, to continue serving his country with the dedication for which he was always known. Tom was known for his loyalty to his family as well, always giving more than he took. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 42 years, Dianne, and leaves behind a legacy of eleven grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 13. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Pst)

Preston and Simons Mortuary  
3358 Mission Inn Ave  
Riverside, CA 92501  
(951) 683-7410  
<https://www.preston-simonsmortuary.com/>

## Burial

MAY 13. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (Pst)

Riverside National Cemetery  
22495 Van Buren Blvd  
Riverside, CA 92518

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Kathy Heinzl purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph Thomas West Jr.*



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**Kathy Heinzl** - May 12 at 01:05 AM

FL

“ *From Kristen Larson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joseph Thomas West Jr.*



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**From Kristen Larson** - May 11 at 09:52 PM

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“ *The McVey Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Thomas West Jr.*



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**The McVey Family** - May 10 at 08:04 PM

MF

“ *Mark, Karen and family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Joseph Thomas West Jr.*



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**Mark, Karen and family** - May 07 at 01:30 PM

DF

“ *Dolson Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph Thomas West Jr.*



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**Dolson Family** - May 05 at 02:02 PM