



## Michael Rocha

September 26, 1962 - January 2, 2018

Michael Rocha “Magic Mike” (55) of Toppenish passed away on Tuesday January 2, 2018 in Palm Desert, CA. Mike was born in Toppenish on September 26, 1962 to Benito and Frances (Hernandez) Rocha. He graduated from Toppenish High School in 1981 and went on to work for DeVry Institute as a recruiter. Mike was a motivational speaker when he was with DeVry and was a re-known illusionist-magician who would perform at schools and community events throughout the valley. He was often called upon by family and friends to perform his talents. He loved karaoke, dancing, bbqing, the seahawks and spending time with his family and friends. Mike will be remembered as a person with a great personality, life of the party and always making people laugh. His father and uncles will cherish the hikes they would take with Mike around the NW. He was most recently working for Pace International in Wapato and was also a volunteer ESL teacher. Mike was extremely close to his “Pal” Miko his youngest son. His last days with his children in California were the best days of his life and he had mentioned relocating to Southern California.

Mike is survived by his parents, Benito and Frances Rocha of Toppenish; his children, Priscilla Guerra and Michael G. Rocha Jr. both of Palm Desert, CA and his youngest son, Michael “Miko” Rocha of Vancouver; five grandchildren; his sister, Teresa (Steve) Rocha-Hyatt of Yakima and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and some aunts and

uncles.

Celebration of life will be on Monday January 15, 2018 at 1PM at the Zillah Church of the Nazarene. Friends can send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Rocha*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Ill never forget how amazing I thought the magic you preformed was and how you were willing to let me pick any one trick to show me how you did it. It was a pleasure to have met you the times that I did RIP.*

**David Rocha** - January 15, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ *Light Blue Rose and White Carnation Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Michael Rocha.*



January 13, 2018 at 10:03 PM



“ *Primo, you always smiled and showed love for all your family members. I'm gonna miss you 🥺 my heart is broken but you left us with so many memories and let's not forget your dance moves. May your soul RIP, till we meet again.*

**juanita. aka Janie** - January 13, 2018 at 09:43 PM

AR

“ *This still feels so surreal!! My heart breaks for our family especially your parents, children, & grandchildren. I love u primo!! I'm gonna miss u!!* 😞❤️



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**Alicia Rocha** - January 11, 2018 at 08:28 PM

JM

“ *Julie (Jules) Montelongo purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael Rocha.*



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**Julie (Jules) Montelongo** - January 11, 2018 at 07:05 PM

JD

“ *Jeni Doolin lit a candle in memory of Michael Rocha*



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**Jeni Doolin** - January 11, 2018 at 02:51 PM

RN

“ Mike and I became friends in middle school, and always remained friends, I will miss Mike. I'm so glad I was able to have Mike over and then later Mike came over with his youngest son Miko for swimming and Mike insisted on running the BB-q, making great carne asada and burgers at my house followed by Mikes' 'magic' for my family, my three daughters absolutely loved his magic. Mike also performed his magic for Adios Counseling and Consultation Services my jobs' Christmas party and every loved his magic A few year ago we hired Mike to get my daughters scholarships through his P.A.C.E. Education Services which gave us access to him on a weekly basis for some time and he never failed to bring a few magic tricks. We spent time out on dinners and would talk about our faith(s) and beliefs. Mike had a great insight into Bible and loved God, loved sharing of his seminar school and preaching days. Mike would shared some of his funniest times while he attending bible School. I still remember when he called me and we got together for his summon ideals he was giving for Father's day. Mike will be missed, but I believe we will see him again in heaven.. Prayers for his family and loved ones.

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**Robert Navarro** - January 11, 2018 at 02:44 PM

AC

“ Ana Perez Cuello lit a candle in memory of Michael Rocha



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**Ana Perez Cuello** - January 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM

JM

“ *Julie Montelongo lit a candle in memory of Michael Rocha*



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**Julie Montelongo** - January 11, 2018 at 02:47 AM

RF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Mike was such a huge blessing to so many, he will be greatly missed. Love you, primo, rest in peace! <3*



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**Ramona Flores-Cavazos** - January 11, 2018 at 12:23 AM

JM

“ *I went to school with Mike. We were family friends as he hung out with my brother. I had the opportunity to often talk with Mike and his love for his son and his family. We had a great time discussing the Seahawks success and some of their struggles. He volunteered at the Elementary school and attended many of the school events. He was very dedicated and often said that he was making memories! He had a great sense of humor with a distinctive laugh. I will miss that.*

*Mike will be missed.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to each family member. Miko, always know that we are all here for you.*

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**Judy Miller** - January 10, 2018 at 10:48 PM



“ *Share a memory of Michael Rocha or send condolences to the family.* ”



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**Raymond Sandoval** - January 10, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *Rose and I would like to express our condolences to all of Michael's family for their lose and we will keep all of the family in prayer during for comfort this tragic time.* ”

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**John Lopez** - January 10, 2018 at 03:35 PM