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**T**om “Pork” Pokorski, 61, of Covina CA and Glenwood, HI, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Hilo Medical Center. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on Oct. 30, 1953. He was a baseball coach for the University of Laverne, Pasadena City College, and Mount San Antonio College. He was a minor league player for the Boston Red Sox organization. Services will be held in Hawaii and California. He is survived by spouse, Linda Scanlan of Covina, CA; 2 step-sons, Rob Scanlan of Denver, CO and Tommy Scanlan of San Diego, CA.



## Tribute Wall

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**Jeff And Ann Kevan** lit a candle in honor of Tom.



July 17 at 9:51 AM



**Jeff Kevan** July 19 at 12:40 PM

One year on and still hard to believe. Miss our online chats, they may have been few but they were always fun.Vale Tom.



**Linda Scanlan** shared 2 photos to the **Tom** album.



December 4 at 1:04 PM



**June Woods** posted:

Dear Linda and family, Words cannot express the feelings I have about losing Tom. I share in your sadness and grief and will miss him so. He was like a brother to me and the time we shared in CA, Hawaii, talking on the phone, and texting will be cherished memories for life. Love you,  
June

August 28 at 11:28 PM



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**Brandon Sanchez** sent a virtual gift in honor of Tom.

Coach P. was my teacher this year. He was a great teacher and always wanted the best for all his students, he would cheer us up, tell us jokes, and always push us to do our school work because he wanted to see each and everyone of us graduate. I remember he would share stories with us, he would tell us about when he used to be the pitcher in the minor league for the Red Sox. He had this cheerful, positive, inspiring attitude which always made students try their best. Thanks to him I graduated and I remember the last week of school leading up to graduation I paid him a visit and had a talk with him to thank him and let him know I was graduating and he was happy to know that. I'm glad I got the chance to thank him and have a conversation with him but I didn't know it would be my last. Rest In Paradise Coach P. 😊



August 24 at 5:07 AM

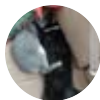


**Linda M Scanlan** September 21 at 1:11 PM  
thank you Brandon that means so much to hear.



**Cathy (Bonaiuto) Jackson** lit a candle in honor of Tom.

August 4 at 8:30 AM



**Ellen Straw** lit a candle in honor of Tom.

July 30 at 10:19 AM



**Timothy Confair** lit a candle in honor of Tom.

July 28 at 1:17 PM





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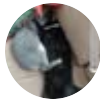
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**Timothy Confair** posted:

Knew Tom for 25 years. Started at ULV when he was asst. baseball coach. Had some interesting talks then when he be at practice or when he worked security. Then I left working for the athletic department and we still talked all the time. Loved his Hawaii home even though he worked my butt off fixing it up. But loved it even so. Linda and Tom took care of me in Hawaii so I could enjoy it. Then I moved to the desert and he would call every day or so to stay in touch. Will be missing him on my drives to work as it takes me hour to get to school and he would break up the drive with a call. Then got married and I very upset I didn't meet up with him so he could meet my new family. Still in shock over it as school is about to start up and will see if I can keep a dry eye on the road waiting for him to call. Linda deepest sorry I feel for you as to the way Tom left you but as I get a high from him as he passed in Hawaii and not a bad place to go. Love Tim C.

July 28 at 1:16 PM



**Ellen Straw** posted:

Condolences to Linda and family and friends of Coach Pork. Missing the big guy, jokes, teasing, Scratchers, casinos, buffets; watching him play with Buddy, feed the hummingbirds and sparrows, and tell us to "go faster" on our walks around the neighborhood. Ellen Straw

July 28 at 12:49 PM



**Carol** posted:

Tom, a part of our family for 40 years....loved my sister, Linda and her boys. What a reunited love story. You were everyone's Good Buddy and bigger than life. I will miss our Sunday visits when you came to the desert and every time I make guacamole it will be in your honor...RIP my brother I know my Mom was there to greet you with open arms. Love, Carol

July 28 at 10:46 AM



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**Mary Anderson** shared an album called **Tom**.



July 28 at 2:36 AM



**Karen Racz Busch** October 15 at 9:49 AM

Tommy was my cousin. We lost touch when his family moved to California. I was so close to reconnecting with him. It would have been fun catching up on old times. Rest in Peace, Cousin. Say hello to the family in Heaven.



**Tom Quinley** August 18 at 12:28 PM

great guy. Tom hit me while he was pitching at Hollenbeck during Colt league. after the game he saw me in the small parking lot and came over to see if I was ok. that's the kind of guy he was. very caring. always cared about how I was doing when I was coaching at Charter Oak High School & at South Hills. great guy and I'm sure going to miss him.



**Joyce Alexander** July 29 at 3:25 AM

We lost a wonderful friend.. We will cherish the memories of our times in Baja and the good times we had at Ricky's Cantina .. Our prayers from the Alexander Family and the Baja Bunch I remember the night we went to Ricky's on a Valentine's Day /I and Rafe was with us and .It rained so hard it washed part of the road out, Rafe sat in the back seat and Prayed and kept saying "Mr. Robert do you want me to drive?" all the way home. .the next morning we found out the bridge washed out. What luck that we got home just in tim. We are really going to miss you Big Tom[Porky}e. Love You



**Marie Straw** July 29 at 2:11 AM

I will always remember what fun we had on that field vision trip! With Linda, Ellen and me along for the ride.



**Nick Fuscardo** July 29 at 12:13 AM

Shocked by this sad news! Always a favorite friend. RIP Pork.



**Shauna Kelling** July 28 at 1:19 PM

I had the honor of meeting Tom at Joshua's and Devin's baby shower. I have never laughed so hard, he was always cracking jokes left and right! He was also very sweet, inviting us to Hawaii for a visit. Even though we just met, I know he was a blessing to his family, the memories I have heard from Shelby and Debbie I know he was loved very much.



**Mary Anderson** July 28 at 10:24 AM

His two loves - Linda and Hawaii



**Manny Garcia** April 4 at 6:45 AM



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**David Smith** August 3 at 12:40 PM

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