



Robert A. de la Torre

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Asixth generation Santa Barbaran, Robert A. de la Torre at the age of 87, passed away peacefully February 28th, 2026, at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital in Camarillo. He was born Robert Anthony de la Torre on April 3rd, 1938, to Joseph B. de la Torre and Mary (Encinas) de la Torre. His great- great grandmother, Maria de los Angeles Cota, was the daughter of Don Pablo Antonio Cota, one of the founding officers to arrive in Santa Barbara in 1782. She was born in the Presidio in 1790 and later married Don Jose Joaquin de la Torre, a Spanish soldier who arrived in Santa Barbara with Father Junipero Serra traveling from Monterey, California in 1801.

Loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, neighbor and friend, Bob de la Torre,

Bob attended Harding Elementary School, La Cumbre Jr. High School, and Santa Barbara High School. He also took certificated courses in Business Management at UCLA. After high school Bob started working for General Telephone Company. In 1959 Bob married the love of his life, Shirley Anne Belsaas in Santa Barbara, where they initially resided. After their first child, Debbie, was born, they moved to Lompoc in 1963. The family, which now included their youngest daughter Jill, moved to Camarillo in 1967.

Bob continued to work for the telephone company for over 38 years. He started work as an assistant draftsman (manual version of engineering diagrams) and went on to various positions within the company including but not limited to Cable Maintenance Superintendent, Network Construction Manager – Facilities, Network Construction Operations Administrator, Senior Administrator Division Resources and ended as a supervisor over most of Southern California. Both Bob and Shirley traveled extensively for the next 13 years. Together they explored Spain, England, France, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Hungary, Morocco, Canada, Mexico and across the USA. They also enjoyed discovering different types of



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cuisine with their close-knit Gourmet Group since 1996.

After his wife's death in 2008 Bob continued to enjoy his grandchildren, travel, concerts and sports. Bob never met a person he couldn't talk with and would stop and pass the time with various neighbors and friends throughout his life. In his early years he played sports of all kinds and passed that knowledge on to younger family members, neighborhood kids, and people in general. He was there for anyone who needed help.

Bob is survived by their daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Marty Dziuk; daughter Jill Lomeli; grandchildren, Kyle, Connor, Carson, Shilo and Gavin; and great grandchildren Nova, Xena and Lyra; his sister-in-law Jackie de la Torre and his niece and nephew and cousins. Uncle Bobby will be missed by many.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; sister Delia; brother Joseph R.; brother-in-law, Yankee Breck; many cousins and Bob and Shirley's furry family.

There will be a service on Thursday March 12th at Ivy Lawn Funeral Home, 1075 E. Daily Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010. Donut and Coffee Reception at 9:00am prior to the service at 10:00am. Following the service a private interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Santa Barbara.

In lieu of flowers please make donations available to:

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Events


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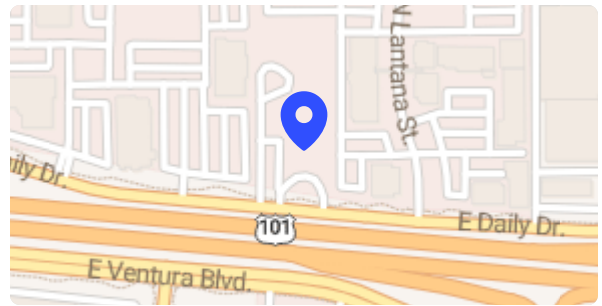
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Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, March 12, 2026

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Ivy Lawn Funeral Home**
1075 E. Daily Drive, Camarillo CA 93010





Tribute Wall

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Gary Sparks shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to have known Bob de la Torre. I, Gary Sparks, first met Bob when GTE transferred me to Camarillo back in 1985. I count Bob as a life-long friend. Besides working for GTE we both shared a love for the game of basketball, particularly college hoops. I favor my Purdue Boilermakers and Bob his UCLA Bruins. We also shared many a bets on Lakers vs. Celtics games (I'm a Larry Bird and Magic Johnson fan being from Indiana). I recall one (of many losses to Bob) where I paid off my \$1.00 bet by gluing probably 175 pennies together to form basketball player statue. Oh how I enjoyed Bob's friendship. I ran a NCAA Basketball "March Madness" pool for many years. I believe I started before 1990 but that is the 1st record I have of my pool. Bob took 2nd place of 32 entries and Shirley was tied for 4th place. I moved back to Texas and then retired from GTE and returned to Indiana. About every year Bob & I would reconnect (usually to get Bob's picks for the upcoming NCAA tournament) and relive our friendship(s) with Lou Shinder, Rick Mohr, Jack Isabel and many others of our GTE Family. I'm attaching Bob's entries into the 1990 & 2025 pool along with the pool results. I'm also attaching a couple of pictures of just some of the GTE family. Look at Bob's entries in 1990 & 2025. He has UCLA winning the NCAA Men's Basketball Tourney. Some things never change and we wouldn't want them to. That's my friend, Bob de la Torre.



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Standings_Alpha
2025 NCAA Men's
Basketball Championship

N A M E	WINS IN ROUND OF THE TOURNAMENT						TOTAL POINTS
	1st	2nd	Su.16	Gr.8	Final	Champ	
1 Bailey, Ashley	23	9	4	3	1	1	53
2 Bailey, Austin	25	9	3	1	1	0	45
3 Baker, Mike	28	11	6	1	0	0	53
4 Crosby, Jim	25	11	7	4	2	1	68
5 De la Torre, bob	26	11	4	2	0	0	49
6 Dowler, Craig	23	9	6	4	2	1	62
7 Dowler, Nathan	25	11	7	3	1	0	59
8 Edmiston, Betty	26	11	7	2	2	1	63
9 Edmiston, Coleman	23	12	6	4	1	1	62
10 Edmiston, Lois	26	11	7	2	2	1	65
11 Edmiston, Paul D	26	10	6	3	2	0	60
12 Hale, Kelly	23	8	2	0	0	0	35
13 Hale, Tom	26	10	6	4	0	0	56
14 Holland, Mike	26	12	6	4	1	1	65
15 Holliday, Alice #1	24	13	6	3	1	0	58
16 Holliday, Alice #2	25	11	6	3	0	0	54
17 Holliday, Cif	23	13	5	3	0	0	52
18 Ireland, Mike #1	24	12	7	2	1	1	61
19 Maki, Elliott	24	13	7	4	1	0	62
20 Maki, Emilia	25	11	5	1	1	1	55
21 Maki, Kathryn	23	5	3	3	0	0	40
22 Maki, Kelly	27	13	8	4	0	0	64
23 Maki, Kevin	27	11	7	2	1	1	63
24 Maki, Liv	25	11	7	3	0	0	56
25 Maki, Luke	19	8	5	3	0	0	43
26 Maki, Michael	24	10	5	2	0	0	48
27 Maki, Ryan	23	9	6	3	1	0	53
28 Maki, William	23	10	4	3	2	0	53
29 McStay, Mike #1	23	12	7	3	2	1	65
30 McStay, Mike #2	24	12	7	2	0	0	54
31 Meagher, Brenden	20	11	5	2	0	0	45
32 Meagher, Harry	23	12	6	2	0	0	51
33 Meagher, Micah	23	11	6	2	0	0	50
34 Meagher, Robert	24	12	4	1	0	0	46
35 Meagher, Stephanie	23	11	3	2	0	0	44
36 Petersen, Chrissy	26	8	7	3	1	0	57
37 Pickett, Jeff	26	13	7	4	1	1	68
38 Plaster, Carla	19	6	3	1	1	0	36
39 Rego, Isaac	25	10	6	1	0	0	49
40 Rego, Nathan	22	9	4	2	1	1	50
41 Rego, Noah	21	9	5	2	1	1	51
42 Rego, Paula	25	11	6	1	1	1	57
43 Rubey, Fred	28	9	4	3	1	0	52
44 Rubey, Nancy	25	10	4	2	1	0	50
45 Shaffer, Heather	25	11	7	2	1	0	57
46 Sparks, Cary	24	11	4	2	0	0	47
47 Sparks, Gary	22	11	7	3	1	0	56
48 Sparks, Jeremy	25	12	8	4	2	0	67
49 Sparks, Kambry	27	10	6	3	1	0	58
50 Sparks, Klara	27	12	6	4	0	0	59
51 Thacker, Chris	26	11	7	3	2	1	67
52 Vickrey, Alan	27	11	4	0	0	0	46
53 Vickrey, Deb	28	9	2	1	0	0	43
54 Vickrey, Deb for Kitty Walden	19	9	4	1	0	0	38
55 Wright, Brouke	24	8	4	1	0	0	42

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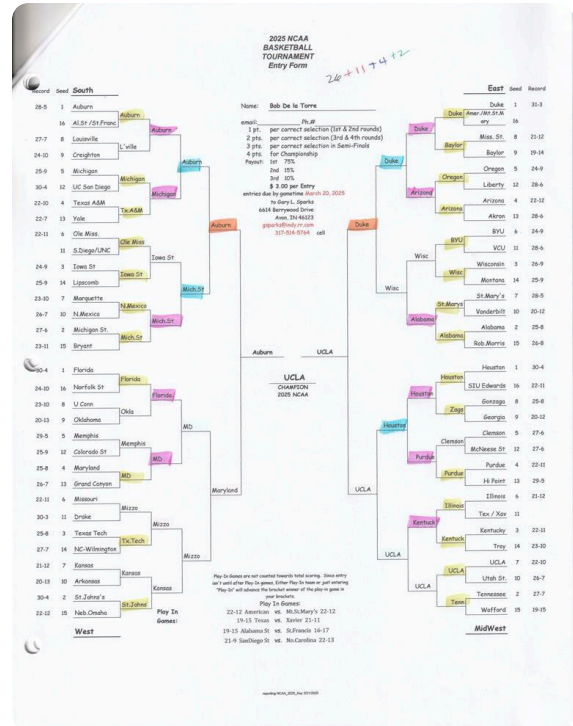


1990 NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL

	Round One	Round Two	Total	Regionals	Finals
T. YAMAMOTO	28	47 = 35	154 = 40	41 = 41	1 2
Bob de la Torre	27	48 = 35	151 = 40	40 = 40	
Bob Eniaoli	26	48 = 34	142 = 36	40 = 36	
Rob Williams	25	49 = 34	143 = 37	41 = 38	
HARRY McGAHER	26	48 = 34	143 = 37	42 = 39	3
SHIRLEY de la Torre	24	49 = 33	145 = 38	40 = 38	2
NEC ARMSTRONG #2	25	48 = 33	145 = 38	41 = 39	2
TODD TRICKLE	25	47 = 32	143 = 35	42 = 37	
KEVIN NELSON	25	47 = 32	142 = 34	40 = 34	
DONALD CHUNG	25	47 = 32	143 = 35	41 = 36	
JOHN ENIGWALD	25	48 = 31	145 = 36	41 = 37	
GARY SPARKS	24	48 = 32	141 = 33	40 = 33	
JIM WHITNER	24	49 = 31	144 = 35	41 = 36	
TONY ROGELL	25	46 = 31	141 = 32	40 = 32	
CRAIG DOWLER	23	48 = 31	144 = 38	40 = 35	
LARRY STEINBERG	23	47 = 30	142 = 32	42 = 34	
JEN CHILDS	23	47 = 30	146 = 36	42 = 38	
JACK MAYEY	22	49 = 30	145 = 35	40 = 35	
Art the Barber	23	47 = 30	144 = 34	40 = 34	
RON DAVID	23	47 = 30	145 = 33	40 = 33	
ED ALEN	22	47 = 29	145 = 32	40 = 32	
WAYNE ARTER	22	47 = 29	143 = 32	40 = 32	
STEVE CAPUTO	23	46 = 27	142 = 31	42 = 33	
BELIAN DAVIS	24	44 = 28	142 = 30	40 = 32	
JONATHAN SEAMAN	21	47 = 28	143 = 31	40 = 31	
STEVE GORDA	21	46 = 27	140 = 27	40 = 27	
GWYNIS RODRIGUEZ	23	44 = 27	143 = 30	40 = 30	
NEC ARMSTRONG #1	20	47 = 27	142 = 29	40 = 29	
WALT PHIPPS	22	44 = 26	145 = 31	43 = 34	
ROD LOSS	21	45 = 27	142 = 30	40 = 30	
GIGEA MAYBERRY	20	46 = 26	142 = 29	40 = 29	
NICK PICKETT	21	43 = 24	140 = 24	40 = 24	

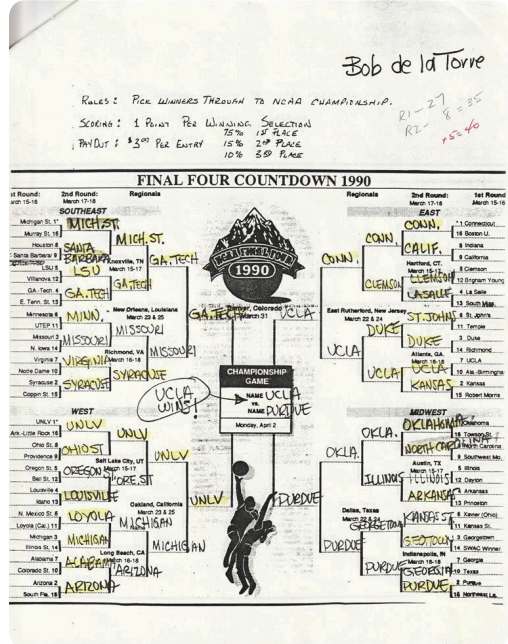
830 & 92 96
157 PACE 720
125 PACE 1440
200 PACE 940

TERESA YAMAMOTO
BOB de la Torre
SAUL YAMAMOTO
HARRY McGAHER & NEC ARMSTRONG



Have Prosecher
Bill Whitey
George Ostrum
Bob de la Torre
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Rick
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