## **Patrick Jerome O'Connor**

August 5, 1938 - October 30, 2017

SAN DIEGO, CA — Patrick Jerome O'Connor, the eldest son of Jerome and Frances O'Connor and one of San Diego's oldest well-known families, was one of 13 children. Born on August 5, 1938, he was a lifelong San Diegan and graduated from USD on a football scholarship in '61. He also served in the Coast Guard.

The whole family was very involved in San Diego's aquatic programs, with Patrick winning the Military Div. of the L.J. Rough Water Swim in the 1960's. At 16, he was lifeguard at "Muni Pool" at Morley Field and continued to lifeguard at all local beaches while in college and later.

In business, he first raised cattle and then bought a 43 acre ranch in Jamul. He started Crown Investment Group in 1971, and began constructing commercial properties and buying rentals. He would still stop by for coffee with his Mom each morning, and would entertain her with stories and get family news. His grandchildren meant the world to him. and he was one of those "unforgettable people" that will be dearly missed by his many good friends and family.

Patrick leaves: his wife Patricia, two sons, Daniel and Dennis; and sons Matthew and John by



his previous wife Judy; his brothers Mike, Tom and Shawn and sisters Sharon, Diane, Colleen, Maureen (past Mayor of San Diego), and her twin sister, Mavourneen; and grandchildren, Patrick, Laurel, Devyn, Michael, Jack and Kelly. Preceding him in death: his parents Jerome and Frances, brothers Dennis and Tim and sisters Karen and Sheila.

Suggested donations may be made to: Father Joe's Village

Memorial Mass to be held at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Mission Hills on Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 10:00 am.

Friends and family will gather to celebrate Patrick's life at "Home and Away" after the Service.

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## Maria Theresa Tollefson

April 4, 1940 - November 2, 2017

CHULA VISTA — Maria was born and raised in Buffalo, NY, where she began her teaching career in 1962. Settling in San Diego in 1967, she became the first full-time female teacher at St. Augustine High School. There she met her husband, James, a P.E. teacher. Mrs. "T" went on to teach at Rosary High School and Marian Catholic High School; served as principal of St. Rose of Lima School, Sacred Heart School, and was the current principal of St. Didacus School in San Diego.

Maria was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, James Tollefson; her father and mother, Pasquale and Mary Zuffoletto. She is survived by her brothers, James (Roselle) and Michael Zuffoletto; her children, James Tollefson (Dianne) and Michelle Rubi (David); her grandchildren, Veronica and Vincent Pamintuan, and Nicolas and Sofia Rubi; and great-



grandchild, Christian Rivera; and innumerable students, co-workers, and friends whose lives she touched.

Rosary: 4 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 7, at St. Rose of Lima Church, 293 H St., Chula Vista.

Mass: 11 am, Wednesday, Nov. 8, at St. Rose Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Maria Tollefson Scholarship Fund c/o St. Didacus School, 4630 34th Street, San Diego, CA 92116.

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