



Mario L. Gómez

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Obituary

Mario passed in peace at home on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the age of 94. He was born in Bogotá, Colombia, on February 8, 1927. His father, Dr. Leonidas Gómez Quintero, was an appreciated oral surgeon and dentist in Bogotá; his mother, Emilia Testa Castellani, was from Rome. His sister was Dr. Lucía Gómez de Rezk, also a dentist, and mother of seven children.

Mario was educated at the Gimnasio Moderno in Bogotá and graduated as a Mechanical and Civil Engineer from Louisiana State University. He returned to Colombia after graduation where he fell in love, started a family, and pursued various entrepreneurial endeavors. We are all proud of his many achievements and creations. He introduced and built the first Radio Control for model airplanes in Colombia for which he was recognized and received seven Presidential Awards in national competitions.

He will be fondly remembered by his family and friends as the loving husband of Luz María Lehmann, and proud father of Mario Felipe, Annamaría, Ursula María, and Luz María. His grandchildren David, Emily, Jessica, Ann Marie, Alexander, Angela Marie, and Sarah Catalina will always remember his kindness, together with his nine great-grandchildren.

One of his dreams was to live in California and in 1980 he immigrated to the US with his family, making his dream a reality. After his arrival, he promoted and developed important airplane fuel efficiency instruments for use in private and commercial planes in Europe and the US. In retirement he drafted plans for home remodels and engineered street and business signage for several Bay Area cities.

In lieu of flowers, you may send a donation in Mario's name to the environmental or health charity of your choice.