Joaquin Jesus Mendez

April 21, 1966 - May 3, 2021

"Be open to life. Be open to opportunities. Be open to saying yes, to following your passion. Be open to connecting with your soul and live from that place. That is what makes your life unique. Pursue what brings you joy. Because what brings you joy is looking for you." ~ Joaquin Mendez

Joaquin Jesus Mendez Frias, age 55, passed away on May 3rd, 2021 surrounded by his family in his home.

Joaquin was born in Mexico City, Mexico. He earned his bachelor's degree in business from Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey and his MBA with a focus on international business from the University of St. Thomas. He greatly enjoyed his career working in international business and leadership development.

Joaquin met his wife, Melissa, in Tokyo Japan in January of 1997 while they were both participating in an international program sponsored by the Government of Japan. They married in July of 1998. Joaquin loved people, traveling, dancing, music and spending time with friends and his beautiful family. He will be deeply missed by so many from all around the world.

Joaquin is survived by his wife, Melissa Batalden Mendez; their 3 children: Andrew, Anna and Sophia; parents Armida and Joaquin; his 3 brothers: Fernando, Javier and Mauricio; his "soul brothers" the Fantastics and many

many beautiful friends.

There will be a small celebration of life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations sent to his family will go toward college funds for his three children and to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
You can also honor his memory by becoming a blood and/or bone marrow donor. Lastly, his family would like to encourage everyone to go out and do something deliberately that gives you joy and think of Joaquin.
#JoyForJoaquin

Tribute Wall

CY

Joaquin was the kindest and most true of individuals, a heart beyond hearts....

Cyndi - May 25, 2021 at 04:10 PM

My heart goes out to the family. I worked with Joaquin at General Mills and he always had a smile on his face and was a kind soul. Rest In Peace my friend.

Rita Pettit - May 07, 2021 at 08:37 AM

SD

Sue Dergantz lit a candle in memory of Joaquin Jesus Mendez

sue dergantz - May 07, 2021 at 01:58 AM

SB

Sending love and blessings you Missy, your children, and the whole family. Joaquin was an absolutely tremendous human who will be greatly missed by so very many people. It says so much about who he was that so many are grieving now. I have his quote taped on my desk to look at and inspire me to live deeply, fearlessly, and most importantly joyfully!

Syneva Barrett - May 06, 2021 at 06:13 PM

JG

I'm imagining Joaquin doing the Manny, "comb your hair" dance moves. ❤️

Jenny (Francis) Gilbert - May 06, 2021 at 06:09 PM