



## Theodore Edwin D'Amico

October 29, 1938 - August 17, 2024

Theodore Edwin D'Amico passed away on Saturday August 17th. He was surrounded by loved ones. Ted was born to Dominic and Mariam D'Amico on October 29, 1938, in Dunkirk, New York. He was the middle child with an older brother Hobbie and his younger sister Iva. The love of music had him moving from Dunkirk, New York to Orange County, California and an early age.

In the early 60's he used to take us to Knotts Berry Farm where he would play music, rob the stagecoach and work the shooting gallery. He would make sure my sister Tammi and I had our candy apples and feed the seals, He played and recorded music from the 50's to the 70's full time. He was the lead guitarist and singer for his band "The Country Wheels". He was an accomplished singer and loved playing his guitars every day to the end. You can still search for his music today and listen to Mr. Switchman and the Jayhawkers that he recorded in the 60's. In the late 70's early 80's, he went from full musician to part time and then to full-time Electrician at Disneyland, where he retired. He never stopped playing and was always the life of the party.

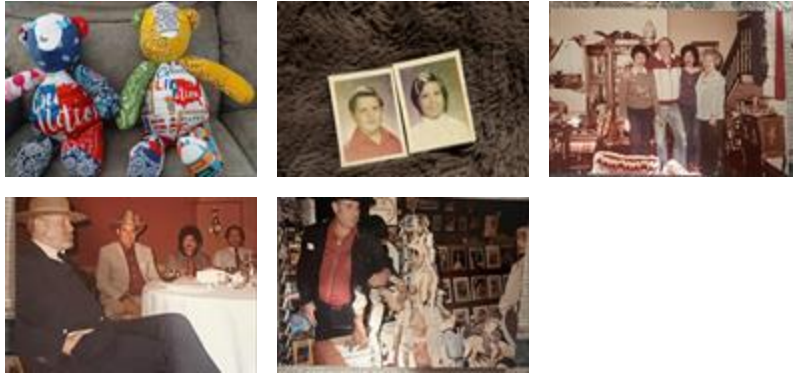
He is survived by his daughter Tammi 61 and son Russ 60. He has 4 grandkids: Christopher, Mathew, Aaron and Austin. Who knew him as Mickey Mouse Ted. He has 8 great grandkids. After his wife Teresita's passing, he moved to Utah where he spent the rest of his years with his daughter Tammi.

He was a true believer in God our Father. Ted was a lover of the old west history and a huge fan of Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. You could often find Ted walking the streets of Tombstone Az. Ted was an Italian Cowboy.

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ 100 files added to the album *Dad, Grandpa (Papa) Great Papa*



Tammi Thompson - May 06 at 04:21 PM

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“ 34 files added to the album *Random Picture*



Tammi Thompson - May 06 at 03:02 PM

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“ For Tammi...

❤️ You're very welcome, Tammi!!! Our families have been connected since the 1940s, I loved your grandparents, I remember them coming over to my grandmother's house in the summer, sitting outside eating homemade bread and drinking red wine my grandmother made... we'd go to their house, Miriam would make homemade ice cream, it was so good... Hobbie, Teddy and I would play games and about the time I MIGHT win, all of a sudden, I would lose... Talked to Teddy about that not too long ago, he laughed, told me he and Hobie were cheating... 🙄... to this day... I hate playing games... when we went to school, I'd get a lot of grief, being Southern I spoke differently and my last name was Pugh 🙄... but Teddy and Hobie were there to protect me from the biggest bully in the school yard... I was their hero because they had never seen a girl touch an electric fence before, come to think of it, I never saw them touch it... I loved being there, I always felt safe with my grandmother and had so much fun with Hobbie and Teddy... I loved them dearly... Mama and your grandparents stayed in touch until the fire, Mama wrote Christmas cards for years after, but, of course, she never received any back, she stopped, she had no idea about the fire... but Teddy, decided to find me... he went to Classmates. com until he found my high school and name, added his name to my class... I saw the name Theodore, but never looked at the last name... I thought who is this guy kidding putting his name in my class, 🙄🙄🙄 because it was a private girls school... a couple of years later I checked back and realized, it was TEDDY... I was so thrilled, and that is how we found each other again... now, you know the rest of the story....

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Chlo-E Vincent - September 11, 2024 at 01:02 PM

CS

“ I love you Uncle Teddy. Even though we didn't meet a lot, I've always carried you in my mind and heart as larger than life . I can remember you yodeling and singing. Whenever we spoke on the phone , you'd always laugh and tell me slow down so you could understand my southern accent❤️ you'll be missed.

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**CYNTHIA SCOTT** - September 04, 2024 at 08:11 PM

KC

“ What an honor to know this amazing man! What a life he lived! He was and is such a kind soul with a loving heart. I loved his stories and the enthusiasm with which he shared them. Such a bright and talented man. We love you, Tammi, Brian, Russ, and family. May your hearts be at peace and be filled with treasured memories always. And May you always remember the house alive with his music. 💕💕

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**Kali Church** - September 04, 2024 at 08:07 PM

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“ I had the honor of being Ted's Hospice nurse. We never have favorites but if I did he would be number one. He and tammy quickly became like family. My most precious memory of many was one day I asked him how he was feeling and he sang the Joe cocker song " I'm feeling alright". We both just smiled sitting in a moment of peace. I will always cherish the honor I had to help him before leaving us. The love he had was so evident when he spoke of tammy and his wife. Will miss your stories and your smile my friend. Nadine.

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**Nadine Eickbush** - September 04, 2024 at 05:45 PM

GD

*Rest in peace Cousin Ted. I still remember the CD Ted sent to my mother, my mother didn't drive so everywhere mom and I went she made me play his songs. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

**Gary & Patty Damico** - September 04, 2024 at 08:52 PM

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*Love U Teddy*

**BARBARA JEAN DELANEY** - September 05, 2024 at 11:02 AM



*Rest in Paradise Papa! I look up to the life you lived till the end. You have touch our hearts in many ways! I have a lot of memories and there are a few that stand out. Giving me all the baseball cards that he collected when he was young is awesome. Now I can pass them down to your grandkids. One memory with Papa was him driving me down Beach Boulevard at around 11 years old and teaching me what girls NOT to go for! Another one is when I was in the 4th grade my Papa Gave me a deck of playing cards, and I found out quickly, by my teacher, that those playing cards with the pictures on them are Inappropriate for school. Lesson Learned. lol. He was a smart, prideful, and confident man! You will be missed. I love you Papa.*

*Thank you all for sharing stories. We all hurt. Stay strong and keep your head up.*

**Matthew Tice** - September 05, 2024 at 01:34 PM