



Jose Torres Memorial Kindness Endowment

Jose Torres was the kind of man who would do anything for anyone, the kind of man who left behind a legacy of compassion that his family is working to see perpetuated through a scholarship designated for a student who shows kindness to others through community service. According to Kara Torres, "Jose was such a kind and caring man."

Jose Torres grew up in Westfield, attended local schools and graduated from Westfield High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army, and was hired as a full-time Westfield police officer in August 1985. He was decorated twice for heroism going above and beyond the call of duty. He was also proud to be recognized for his achievements by the Westfield Spanish American Association in 2001.

Jose's love for his wife Kara was known by all, and he was fond of saying that he had married his best friend. He was a loving and supportive father to his sons, Jay and Christopher, and he was actively involved in everything they pursued. Jose was a loyal Red Sox fan and he always enjoyed watching their games.

Jose Torres was just 53 years old when he was tragically killed in the line of duty on July 26, 2012. Kara, Jay and Chris Torres felt that this scholarship would be the perfect tribute for Jose. Jay Torres stated, "I think he would be very proud of this tribute, not only because it will recognize those who give and help others, but also to help in furthering a student's education."

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