



# Leticia Limon

AUG 16, 1961 - NOV 24, 2024



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### **I**n Loving Memory of Leticia "Tish" Limon

It is with profound sadness that the Limon family announces the passing of Leticia "Tish" Limon, who we lost suddenly at the age of 63 on November 26, 2024.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Oakland, CA, Tish is a graduate of Santa Barbara High School, attended Mills College, and received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from UC Berkeley. Tish developed a passion for cooking while living with her grandmother Margaret while attending Santa Barbara High School. Upon graduation from UC Berkeley, she had full intentions of becoming a doctor and was accepted to Medical School. Before leaving for medical school, she boldly pivoted and registered for one trimester at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, which changed her life forever.

Tish built a remarkable career as a chef in some of the Bay Area's most renowned restaurants. Her culinary journey began at Montclair's Thornhill Café and Berkeley's Fourth Street Bar and Grill, where she developed her culinary expertise and passion for the art. She later worked alongside culinary legends Jeremiah Tower and Larry Doyle at Stars Restaurant & Stars Café, which at the time were trendsetting and internationally recognized restaurants. Tish continued her celebrated career at Spectrum Foods' San Francisco restaurant MacArthur Park. She later served as the Chef at the Mission District's Luna Park for ten years in the 2000s and later rejoined her old friend Larry Doyle to help open the beloved neighborhood gastropub Parkside Tavern in San Francisco's Sunset District.

Tish will be remembered for her passion and commitment to value, high standards, and quality in the kitchen, which also held true to her love and dedication to her family.

Over the past two years, Tish put her career on hold to care for her elderly mother full-time. As Tish was a leader in her professional roles, she was also a leader in her family and was the rock for



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her siblings, nieces, and nephews. She had a special and loving relationship with each of them and provided sage advice and tough love when needed. From a young age, Tish was an extremely intelligent and gifted leader with unwavering values and passions for food, music, reading, and travel.

She is survived by her loving mother, Teresa Limon, and her siblings: Denise Limon, Robert Limon (Maria Laxo), David Limon (Claudia Scherer), and Thomas Limon (Cristy Johnston). A memorial service to honor and celebrate Tish's life will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, 4499 Piedmont Avenue. A live stream of the memorial service will also be provided for anyone unable to attend in person.

Following the service, a celebration with light fare will be held at one of her favorite Oakland Irish Pubs, Sláinte, at 131 Broadway, Oakland. The celebration will continue until 8 p.m. Tish's legacy lives on in the hearts of those who loved her and the many lives she touched through her culinary talents. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the following organization supporting youth and the arts in Oakland.

Oakland School for the Arts

<https://www.oakarts.org/GIVING/GIVING-TUESDAY/index.html>



# Events


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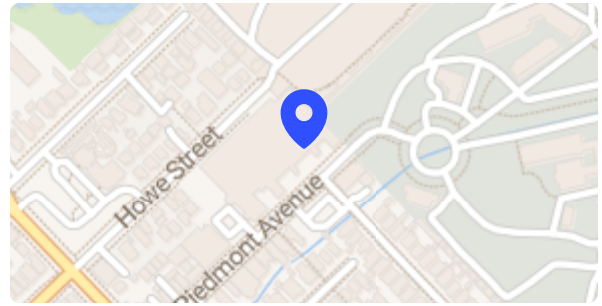
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## Memorial Service

 **Tuesday**, December 3, 2024

 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT

 **Chapel of the Chimes**  
4499 Piedmont Ave, Oakland CA 94611





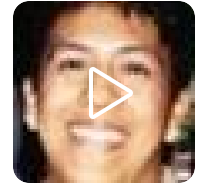
# Tribute Wall

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**Chapel Of The Chimes Oakland** shared a **Leticia Limon Memorial Service**.



November 29 at 7:12 AM



**Ted Green** November 29 at 6:07 PM

I am so glad I was able to connect back with my California family and re-meet all my cousins as adults. Tish was always so warm and welcoming, but what really struck me was her intense sense of responsibility and care for those around her. Each time I would visit from Texas I would get to see little ways Tish was quietly helping others work through hard situations. She was so smart, such a good problem solver, and a person that really cared and could always be counted on. We will miss you greatly and pray for the strength, wisdom, and care you showed our family and all you touched.



**Minh-Ha Pham** posted:

I'm so sorry for this great loss. My earlier life in Oakland was filled with so much happiness, fun, and deliciousness and so much of it was because of or involved Tish. Sending all the Limons my deepest condolences, warmest thoughts, and love. Minh-Ha xx

December 3 at 11:46 AM



**Marilyn Harryman** posted:

Rob, I am so sorry about Trish beyond words. Tried to msg you but failed to connect. So difficult a loss. Learned from Monica. Trish will be so missed by many of her followers. Keep in touch. Send your email and address other than st Mary's.

December 3 at 11:21 AM



**Marilyn Harryman** December 3 at 11:21 AM

Tish...will be so missed



**David Bryant** posted:

Tish you learned me many lessons but most important was to follow your passion. I'm reminded of Tavern clam chowder, Thirnhillblamb shanks, Stanley the funkiest bassist, dinners after closing and a laugh that echoed spirit and strength. Gone too soon. Luv you.

December 3 at 6:53 AM



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JG

**Joe And Martha Goralka** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Limon family.

December 2 at 1:46 PM



JG

**Joe And Martha Goralka** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Leticia.

December 2 at 1:46 PM



KE

**Kerryhamill** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Limon family.

December 2 at 7:43 AM



JL

**Jolie Limon** posted:

Tish was my cousin. She was one of the ring leaders during our Christmas get-togethers in Santa Barbara and various weddings when I was a kid. Those were great and lasting memories that I will forever hold in my heart. I'm so glad I've had the chance to see her a couple times in the not so distant past. She will be missed by many and will leave a hole that cannot be filled. My heart goes out to Tish's immediate family however that is defined. I'm sorry I will not be able to make the memorial service, but please know that I will be there in spirit and will be sending love.

December 2 at 7:03 AM

MB

**Margaret Bonilla** posted:

Leticia my neice and Baptisimal Goddaughter, grew to become an important part of family. She proudly obtained an excellent education and pursued a successful and satisfying career as Chef. She will be missed on many levels by many. So proud Leticia.

November 30 at 5:36 PM



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**Aj S Gilbert** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Leticia at Stars Cafe, Spectrum Foods, and later for many years at Luna Park. She was always a rock—a calming and competent presence in the often frenetic restaurant environment. One very busy night at Stars Cafe, an elderly woman lost consciousness at her table, and I soon realized she had no pulse. Though I had CPR training, as we laid the woman on the floor, I was very scared I would do more harm than good. Leticia emerged from the kitchen, calmly took her place at the woman's side, checked for a pulse, and—with the same confidence and skill she showed while making seafood light fry—performed chest compressions until the paramedics arrived. After the ambulance had left I was confused, not knowing how the chef had just strolled out of the kitchen and provided life saving care for a stranger. I asked Leticia how she did this. As a cook came from the kitchen to ask Leticia to return she said "I used to work in a hospital" and without any exasperation and totally calm she returned to cooking.

November 30 at 4:54 PM



**Yolanda Baldovinos** posted:

Teresa, I cannot imagine the pain you must be feeling. As parents we expect that our children will bury us not the other way around. My deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Yolanda Baldovinos

November 30 at 11:07 AM



**Aliza & Noel Gallo And Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Limon family.



November 30 at 10:35 AM



**Bettie Bryant** posted:

My son, David introduced me to Tish on one of my visits to CA. She was friendly and kind. I truly enjoyed the time I spent with her. She exhibited a warm and loving spirit. She was an excellent chef. Although she will be missed, she will remain in our hearts. Celebrate Tish. Celebrate memories you shared. Bettie Bryant

November 30 at 4:19 AM



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November 29 at 6:13 PM



**Mark Louie** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Tish at the Thornhill Cafe, many years ago. I have since worked in many restaurants and Tish stands out as one of the very best. Beyond her excellent kitchen skills she was kind, thoughtful, always upbeat and a pleasure to work with. She always made work a better place to be for me.

November 29 at 3:12 PM



## Media

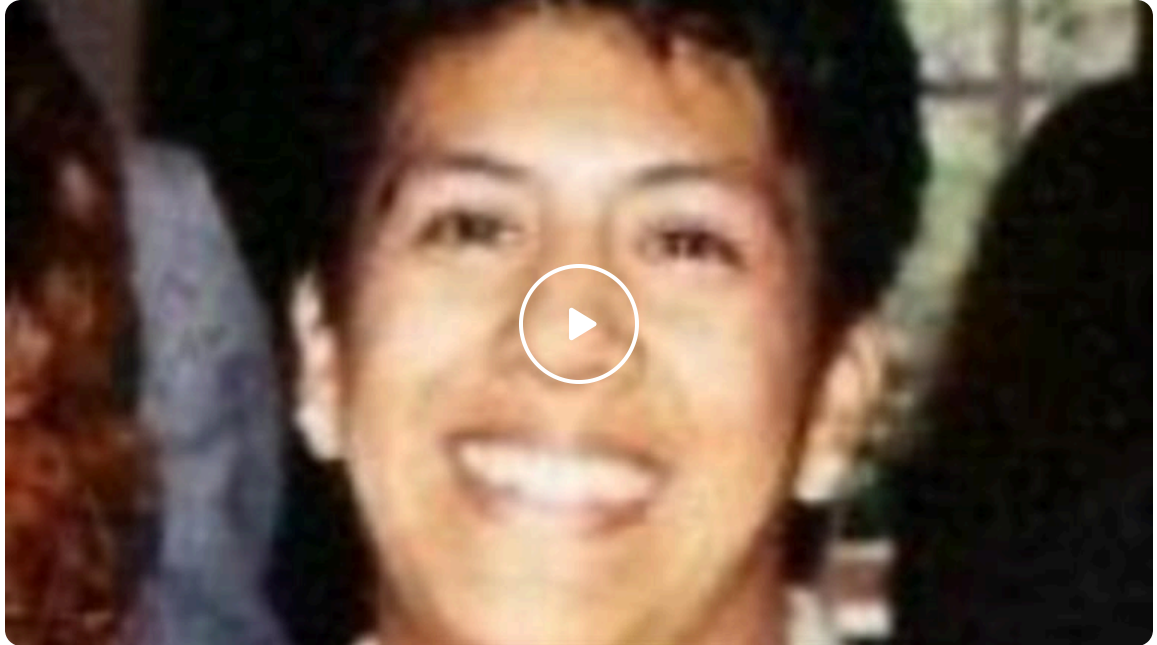
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