



Jaime Rivas, friend to so many CBBS members, passed away unexpectedly while vacationing in Costa Rica mid-October, 2009.

Those of us fortunate enough to have known Jaime knew him as a man who cared immensely for his family and friends, as well as for the patients whose best interests were always his primary job motivator. What many of us did not know was that, soon after entering his adult life, Jaime served honorably in *both* the U.S. Marine Corps (as a military police officer) and then in the U.S. Army (where he became a medical technologist while stationed at Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center). Following his second honorable discharge, he worked tirelessly for the past 22-plus years at UCLA Blood and Platelet Center – as well as at UCLA Medical Center’s Transfusion Service – where he always got the job done in the most effective and appropriate way possible.

Jaime’s most recent promotion was to Operations Coordinator, a position he imbued with the professionalism, wisdom, grace, and generosity that were his hallmark traits. His dedication to Giving the Gift of Life was showcased in the April 2009 issue of UCLA Health System Employee News ([link](#)). He brought happiness to the lives of the countless people who now mourn the untimely passing of a great friend and a great man. Those of us who knew Jaime are all the better for it.

Condolences may be sent to his mother, Margarita Johnson; 9142 Wooded Hill Drive; Corona, CA 92883.