



Albon "Al" Avila Dutra

October 11, 1927 - April 27, 2020

Albon "Al" Avila Dutra passed away in the arms of Jesus on April 27th after living a full life. He was 92 years old.

Al was preceded in death by his parents Luis and Maria Dutra; his son, Rick Dutra; and siblings, Mary Borba, Elmer Dutra and Russell Dutra. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Betty Dutra; his daughter, Teri (Robert) Reyes; daughter-in-law, Gracie Dutra; grandchildren, Dominic, Brandon (Yvonne) Dutra, Justin (Evelyn) Reyes and Jenessa (Alex) Cruz; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Al was born on Oct. 11, 1927 in Gustine, CA and attended schools in Hilmar, CA. Al was a hard worker all his life, sometimes working more than one job. Growing up, he worked on his parents dairy until he took a truck driving job at Peterson Manufacturing Co. He worked there for 33 years until his retirement in 1990. Al also worked for the Turlock Police Dept. for 16 years, both as a reserve police officer and captain for 3 of those years. He always enjoyed leading the Turlock parades in uniform on the police motorcycle. Al also worked as a security guard at Stanislaus State for a short time.

Among his favorite hobbies, Al owned a Harley Motorcycle, which he enjoyed giving rides on and spinning donuts, stirring up the dust with a smile on his face. Al had a love of music all his life, and that was country music. He started

playing guitar at an early age and joined a band called the Gullarte Brothers, often playing at local Festas. He also liked to go camping, fishing, dance, and have fun joking around.

Al often said, "Your best drivers are your fast drivers," as he would peel out at the corner of the street when he left home, only to here Betty look at him and yell, "AL." You could always see his smiling eyes in the rear view mirror; he got a kick out of that. He would make his own wine every now and then - the Protagee diesel. He enjoyed working on cars and anything mechanical. He loved the challenge of finding the problem and fixing it. Most of all, Al loved his family and was always there to lend a helping hand to them and others as well.

We were all blessed to have you in our lives as a great example of a Husband, Father, Uncle, Grandpa and Friend. We all love you and will miss you dearly until we see your smiling face again.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Albon "Al" Avila Dutra

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Al. Dick and I were so surprised when we heard about it . Hopefully all is well doing this different time. God bless all of you. Dick and Susie Labuga

Susan Labuga - May 17, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ My precious Uncle Al,
You helped and taught me about working on cars along with my dad over the years . How you and my dad taught me to dance. I remember you playing guitar at our house many times. I also remember you were such a prankster and I believe you taught me how to joke and take a joke as I remember when I was little you walked by me and handcuffed my ankle to the stool😭😭😭
I loved how you'd always share stories about my dad and you growing up. I will always cherish our special precious memories 🥰
I am so thankful for you, your mellow but so funny personality 🥰
I will see you again one day 🍷

Dorothy Dutra Shuping - April 30, 2020 at 11:24 PM

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“ We love you and miss you Uncle Al. Albert always looked up to you and all the things you taught him over the years. We loved listening to your life stories. God Bless the family ❤️ Love Albert, Connie & family ❤️



Connie Dutra - April 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM