



## David Wayne Labuga

January 15, 1952 - April 23, 2021

David Wayne Labuga, age 69, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Friday, April 23, 2021. A beloved husband of 41 years to the late Kathy “Madeline” Labuga, David is survived by his daughter, Tiffany (Gary) Labuga and son, Michael (Ericka) Labuga; his grandkids: Skylar, Gabriel, Annalyssa, Julianna, Chase, Madelynn, Andreas, and Malayah; his eight siblings: Carol Holcomb, Ronnie Labuga, Celestino Labuga Jr., Dennis Labuga, Alex Labuga, Rodrick Labuga, Marion Pitts-Olson, and Kimberly Labuga-Ancheta; and hundreds of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

David was born in Turlock, CA, on January 15, 1952 to Genevieve and Celestino Labuga Sr. He attended Livingston High School. After graduating in 1970, he enlisted in the Navy where he proudly served for four years. After completing his military service, David attended Merced Junior College and met the love of his life, Kathy “Madeline.” They later married and started their family. David worked for United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier for 30 years, delivering the same downtown route for 25 years. After retiring from the postal service, David worked at Store Coach Way as a bus driver because he did not want to be bored at home. David loved this job because he was able to travel, go to the casino, and meet countless new people – all while working.

David had a smile that would light up a room and a personality that no one will ever forget. David loved spending time with his family and friends, going to the

casino, traveling, and being a PAPA to his grandkids. David was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy "Madeline" Labuga, parents Genevieve and Celestino Labuga Sr., in-laws Joseph and Bessie Reyna, brother Dick Labuga and sister-in-law, Lydia Ramos.

Family and friends are welcome to attend the viewing from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 6, 2021. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 7, 2021. All services will be held at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. Following the funeral, a reception will be held at Hilmar Grange Hall, 8188 Lander Ave., Hilmar. A private burial will be held on a later date at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella.

# Cemetery Details

**San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

### Recitation of the Rosary

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

### Funeral Service

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

## Reception to Follow

MAY 7. 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM (PT)

Hilmar Grange Hall  
8188 Lander Ave.  
Hilmar, CA 95324

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Wayne Labuga*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Aunt Sally & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Wayne Labuga.*



**Aunt Sally & Family** - May 05, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Greg Coxson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David Wayne Labuga.*



**Greg Coxson** - May 05, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Wayne Labuga.*



May 02, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Labuga.*



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May 01, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the Labuga family. I played on the offensive line with David, Jim Kubo, Rick Severson, Paul Jueneman, and Les Quinn. While Les, Paul and I were called the "strong side" of the line, David and Jim refused to be called the "weak" side. David decided to coin the phrase "Rice Side" and everyone loved it. David taught me one of the best life lessons our senior year. I was dogging it on the defensive line during practice and David was holding, tripping and doing everything in his power to make me mad. I finally lost it and clubbed him in the head with a forearm, after which he said "You're not worth a XXXX unless you're mad; get with it!". Never forgot that lesson. So sorry to lose such a beautiful guy.*

*Larry Blaine  
Winnebago, MN*

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**Laurence P. Blaine** - May 01, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *My cousin David was always a lucky go lucky guy always had a smile on his face, I will always remember that!!! I will miss him so much!!!* 💖🥹

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**Rita Previtara** - April 30, 2021 at 11:11 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the Labuga family. Our dear friend will remain in so many hearts. I will miss our card nights, casino trips and just talking or texting and keeping in touch. He was family. Praying for family and friends for God's comfort 🙏🙏*

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**Patricia Gibson** - April 30, 2021 at 10:37 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of David Wayne Labuga.*



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April 30, 2021 at 06:54 PM

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“ *Love, Rodney and Becky Santos purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Wayne Labuga.*



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**Love, Rodney and Becky Santos** - April 30, 2021 at 06:25 PM