



## David J. Roberts "Butch"

February 28, 1946 - April 7, 2021

David J. Roberts, Butch, or Dave as his family called him, passed away on April 7, 2021 at the age of 75. His death leaves behind an emptiness among his family and friends that can't be filled. David was born on February 28, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan, to David and Irene Roberts. He was the second oldest of five children. He remained in Michigan until the early 60s where he made his way to California, landing a job with Bekins Moving and Storage in Concord. He was a devoted employee for Bekins for 25 years. It was there he was introduced to his wife, Francisca "Bobbie," and, within 6 weeks of meeting, they were married on June 22, 1968. After leaving Bekins, David worked for Paul Arpin Van Lines for 15 years.

David was a giant, although not big-framed, extremely tall or massive in build. His integrity, generosity, beliefs, work ethic, back bone and grit was our example of a man. He was a provider, stern and kind, with unsurmountable unselfishness for his family and those he cared for. David Roberts Jr. was a giant....from the inside out. The kind of giant that we can only hope to be.

David and Bobbie raised three children, were blessed with seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He and Bobbie enjoyed traveling the country together and making lasting memories. He loved to gamble and enjoyed the peace and quiet of nature, but mostly he adored spending time with his family. David was a thoughtful, caring, loving, genuine husband,

father, brother and Papa.

He leaves behind his brothers, Lawrence Roberts (Jeanette) and Kenneth Roberts (Susan); children, Sophia Roberts, David Roberts (Jeannie) and Dawn Roberts (Bo); grandchildren, Teia Watson, Joseph Roberts, Mikaela Roberts, Travis Quesada, Nathan Quesada, Andrew Kliene and Philip Haigh; and great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law.

David was preceded in death by his parents, David and Irene Roberts; sisters, Beverly and Karen; and his loving wife, Francisca "Bobbie" Roberts.

The Roberts family would like to give a special thank you to Bristol Hospice of Merced, especially Amanda, Martha, Kym and Chaplain Randy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the home of Dawn and Bo. A private burial will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021, at Turlock Memorial Park. He will be laid to rest with his loving wife.

To send a floral arrangement in David's honor, the family kindly asks that you use A Blooming Affair Floral & Gifts in Merced, 463 W. Main St., Merced, CA 95340. To place an order, please contact them at 209-723-9456.

# Cemetery Details

## **Turlock Memorial Park**

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

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

MAY 1. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)

Private

# Tribute Wall



“ *David J. Roberts "Butch"*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Dad I miss you!! I love you. Nothing the same since you gone... Yet many things remain of you. My sister's sense of humor...the way my brother carries himself...every country song played from our childhood..every cowboy hat...every pair of cowboy boots...every handkerchief...every photo brings back a memory of you.... You are my dad..Strong handsome hard working funny and loving. Today on Father's day I just want to say I luv you Dad!!!.....Every day I miss you...And I carry on with a smile on my face because I know you are always with me....always with us.*

Sophia - June 20, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Gigi girl purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of David J. Roberts "Butch".*



Gigi girl - April 23, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DR

“ *My Dad was an amazing man and I am missing him already. His blue eyes, his laugh and smile. The way he cared about his family and loved his grandkids so much. My Dad was my hero, my rock and my strength, without him I am forever changed. I am so happy he is with his true love, my Momma again for all eternity. Until I see you again, I will continue loving you.*

*Your little girl,  
Dawn Renee'*

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**Dawn Roberts** - April 16, 2021 at 11:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David J. Roberts "Butch".*



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April 13, 2021 at 08:44 PM

DR

“ *I am Dave Roberts son. I spent my Life trying to impress my Father...  
He gave me two memorable compliments that I share with you today.*

*1) He once told Me that watching "Me" with my children, made him a Better Grandfather.*

*2) He taught me everything about his trade, at a young age. The week He retired, He told Me....that He'd moved furniture for 43+ years and that I was better than he was at his Job.*

*His presence in my Life will never be forgotten!  
See you on the other side, Dad. I Love you!!*

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**David Richard Roberts** - April 13, 2021 at 06:03 PM

KH

*I am Kim, hha with Bristol Hospice. During my visits with David, he had become more than just my patient, he became my friend. David had a great sense of humor.. sharp at times.. that was absolutely contagious! David made me laugh so hard, I had tears rolling down my face. I will surely miss these times, but will never forget them. Dawn and Bo, thank you for everything you have done for David... love you both from the bottom of my heart.*

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**Kim Holmes** - April 13, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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*I have known David almost as long as Bobbi, they were a great couple and he was a very wonderful man, he made Bobbi very happy and they had a lot of fun raising three beautiful children. I am glad that he is finally with the Lord and his loving wife. We will all soon leave this earth for a better home, I am glad that he is whole again and enjoying his eternal home, but I know that he has left a lot of people feeling sad, because he will be missed. And thank you Dawn and Sophia and David for taking such good care of your dad. God's Blessings to all of you. Love you all Betsy*

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**Elizabeth Mcleod** - April 14, 2021 at 12:39 PM