



## David Starn

July 19, 1946 - October 5, 2025

David Starn was born on July 19, 1946, in Turlock, CA to Rodney and Louise Starn. He passed away on October 5th, 2025, in Oakdale, CA surrounded by family and loved ones.

Dave is survived by his wife, Pat, to whom he was married for twenty-three years; his sister, Joyce Reed; his children, Rodney and Dawn Starn, and Jennie Massett. Dave was also survived by his stepchildren, Stephen and Carol Thoresen, Michael and Angelica Stanfield, and Steven and Erin Stanfield, as well as his ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dave has farmed almonds in the Turlock and Hickman area for over 60 years and was a master at his craft. Dave found his joy in farming and loved his ranches and was proud to be a farmer. Although Dave was known as a farmer, his knowledge of Caterpillar tractor equipment was well known. When not farming, Dave found joy in spending time with Pat traveling the world, spoiling his grandkids, and building model trains. Dave was also a well-known pilot and has owned and operated many airplanes through the years.

There will be a private entombment with a celebration of life to be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be sent to Hospice of San

Joaquin County or to the National Parkinson's Foundation [www.hospiceheart.org](http://www.hospiceheart.org) [www.parkinsons.org](http://www.parkinsons.org)

# Cemetery Details

## **Turlock Memorial Park**

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *My father worked every day as i grew up. He used to get mad at the caterpillars if after rebuilding them he would find a bolt he had missed....like it was the tractors fault.*

*My dad did have 4 of his own grandkids as well. My brother rodney had a girl and 2 boys and I have a girl as well.*

*As we grew up and if we were hurt in any way he would tell us if we were better by the next day we would go to Disneyland...even if we weren't better we sure would fake it good!!!!*

*My father has always and will forever be loved and missed.....*



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**Jennie Massett** - October 19, 2025 at 08:50 PM

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*Dave was an all-around great guy I flew with him. I worked on his plane he even let me drive his Porsche around the airport, which I will never forget*

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**bill tate** - December 18, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Starn.*



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October 17, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Starn.*



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October 16, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ *Dave,*

*RIP old friend.*

*Warren*

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**Warren Smith** - October 16, 2025 at 08:46 AM