



## Dickie Celestino Labuga

October 22, 1945 - October 3, 2020

Dickie Celestino Labuga, a resident of Turlock, CA, passed away peacefully with family by his side, on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at the age of 74.

Dickie is survived by his wife of 46 years, Susan; his sons, Adam (Sara) Labuga and Sean (Casey) Labuga; his grandkids, Eva, Lincoln, and Carden; his nine siblings, Carol Holcomb, Ronnie Labuga, Celestino Labuga Jr., Dennis Labuga, Alex Labuga Sr., David Labuga, Rodrick Labuga, Marion Pitts-Olson, and Kimberly Ancheta; and hundreds of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Dickie was born in Turlock, CA on October 22, 1945 to Genevieve and Celestino Labuga, Sr. He graduated from Livingston High School in 1963 and enlisted into the United States Army. Upon completion of his duties, he attended Stanislaus State University and acquired a position at what is now Darling International. He was employed with Darling for 35 years, working as a General Manager for approximately 10 years before his retirement.

Dickie was a devoted husband, father, papa, avid coach, and excellent cook. As an athlete, growing up and even into his adult days, he competed at a high level in baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball. No matter the sport, Dickie loved to play it. As he grew older and he and Susan had kids, he found a new passion in coaching. He touched many lives of the kids and young adults that he coached. Some of his most fond memories were coaching and travelling with his baseball and basketball teams. He also cherished the moments when he vacationed in Reno with Susan and other friends and

family. He loved to play poker and gamble. During family reunions and birthdays, he was always the man to be the top chef. His specialization in Filipino dishes was amazing. The highlights of his last few years of life were as a "Papa." They consisted of coloring pictures, making paper airplanes, being the Mr. Fix It Man and playing and hanging out with his grandkids. A visitation will be held from 4 to 5 p.m., with a Rosary service at 5:30 p.m., on Friday, October 16, 2020, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. An outdoor funeral service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1200 Lyons Ave., Turlock. A private burial will be held at San Joaquin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Santa Nella. Flowers can be sent to Turlock Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

**San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 16. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

### Recitation of the Rosary

OCT 16. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)

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

### Funeral Mass

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1200 Lyons Ave  
Turlock, CA 95380



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dickie Celestino Labuga*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Dickie was not only an excellent cook but also a good husband, a good father, and a leader that I admire. He and Susie had been so kind to us. We were saddened for his passing and feel sad for the love ones he left. I know God will always bless Dickie and his family. Dickie will always be in our prayers...*

*We love you Dickie,  
Alma, Manolo, and family..*

**Manolo Labuga** - October 16, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *To the Labuga family sorry for your loss and prayers to you all. Dickie could cook like a boss he will be missed.  
Leland Lariosa Family*

**Michael Lariosa** - October 16, 2020 at 01:01 AM



“ *Ed and Diana Jenkins purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dickie Celestino Labuga.*



**Ed and Diana Jenkins** - October 14, 2020 at 06:39 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dickies passing. May God comfort the family and friends who loved him so much.

Janie Benz (Ring) - October 13, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dickie Celestino Labuga.



October 13, 2020 at 07:26 PM

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“ Love, Jesse & Elsa Aguilar & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dickie Celestino Labuga.



Love, Jesse & Elsa Aguilar & Family - October 13, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Dickie Celestino Labuga.



October 12, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ Love from Esther Linan purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Dickie Celestino Labuga.



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**Love from Esther Linan** - October 11, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dickie Celestino Labuga.



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October 11, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“ We are saddened to hear of Dick's passing. We pray his loved ones find peace and strength during this most difficult time.

*Ed and Sheri Biasca*

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**Sheri** - October 11, 2020 at 12:35 AM

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“ Love, Rodney and Becky Santos purchased the *A New Sunrise Spray* for the family of Dickie Celestino Labuga.



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**Love, Rodney and Becky Santos** - October 09, 2020 at 09:14 PM