



## Dora Lucas-Ericksen

August 22, 1948 - June 22, 2023

Dora passed away on June 22, 2023, at the age of 74 after a private two-and-a-half-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Dora was preceded in death by her parents, Manuel and Gladys Toledo; and two sisters, Betty Lee Barry and Catherine Sunday.

Dora was born in Turlock and lived her entire life in Stevenson, Modesto, Riverbank, and the Turlock area. Dora spent most of her first 15 colorful years in Turlock, where she enjoyed countless friends and many of those friendships lasted all of her life. At the age of 16, Dora married Buddy Avila and had her daughter Tammy. Dora later met and married Charlie Lucas and from that union came their Babygirl Tonya. Charlie was her “favorite ex-husband!” In 1980, Dora married Rick Beavers and her son, Beau-Jon Beavers was later born. In 1986, Dora and Jim Ericksen started a fun and very loving, 37-year relationship that lasted until she passed to her forever home. Jim was the “LOVE of her life.”

Dora was always an extremely hard worker and was driven to be successful. So determined...at the young age of just 13, she “fibbed” to get her first job at the A&W as a carhop girl!! Eventually she went on to work at Denny’s in Modesto for many years. Dora then went to work for her beloved S.O.S. Club where she worked for 25+ years. She loved working at the S.O.S. and made many life-long friends and cherished memories. After leaving the S.O.S Club,

Dora managed Legends Café and Trax Bar and Grill. She then purchased the House of Java and House of Yogurt where she worked until her retirement in 2013. Dora's creativity and attention to detail brought much enjoyment to her faithful Turlock patrons. Dora was truly a good friend to many besides being a mentor, role model, leader and entrepreneur.

Dora loved retirement and was always ready for an adventure. She loved her "2nd home" in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and was always so generous with extending invitations to all her many friends and extended family. She initiated & coordinated many "get togethers" with her S.O.S. sisters and members, never wanting the connections and memories to fade. Dora loved being surrounded by those she loved. "The more the merrier" was frequently heard from her.

Dora leaves behind her loving husband, Jim Ericksen; children, Tammy Bashor (Jesse), Tonya Lucas (Dave), and Beau-Jon Beavers (Jamie); sister, Mary Roberts; grandsons, James Morrison V, Matthew and Dax Beavers; granddaughters, Hailey Morrison, Milan Sky Lucas, McKenna, Devon, and Dylan Beavers; great-grandsons, Brock Searls and James Morrison VI; and great-granddaughter, AddiLynn Morrison. In addition to her immediate family, Dora is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, "BONUS" kids, and grandkids. The list of people she LOVED and PRAYED for each and every morning without fail WAS EXTENSIVE! Our hearts have been filled and forever touched by the most exceptional lady who graced and blessed ALL who knew her! She will continue to live in OUR hearts with the most incredible and beautiful memories for eternity!! We love you ALWAYS!!!!

A visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5 at Turlock Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, July 6 at 11 a.m. at Turlock Funeral Home, located at 425 N. Soderquist Road in Turlock.



# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 5.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

*In the Small Chapel*

## Celebration of Life

**JUL 6.** 11:00 AM (PT)

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

*In the Main Chapel*

## Reception

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JUL 6. 12:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park  
575 N Soderquist Rd  
Turlock, CA 95380-3749  
(209) 632-9111

*In the North Lawn, reception circle.*

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Dora was a beautiful soul and best friend of my uncle Johnny. She will be sadly missed by everyone.* ”

Brefni Grigg - July 29, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dora Lucas-Ericksen.* ”



July 06, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Lucas-Ericksen.* ”



July 05, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dora Lucas-Ericksen.* ”



July 04, 2023 at 11:10 AM

ES

“ *Ed & Dorothy Scoville purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dora Lucas-Ericksen.*



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**Ed & Dorothy Scoville** - July 03, 2023 at 06:08 PM

NS

“ *I worked for Dora at her Frozen Yogurt/Coffee Shop in Turlock for several years. I affectionately called her my "Yogurt Mom" because she wasn't just my boss, but my friend. She was always so loving and supportive. She loved those who had a strong work ethic and championed the underdog. Her wonderful son, Beau, and I went on to become roommates in college and life-long friends. I love this special woman and will miss her greatly.  
To her family and friends, my sincere condolences.  
Until we meet again, sweet Dora - fly to God. We'll never forget you.*



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**Nate Stark** - July 03, 2023 at 03:50 AM

KC

“ My first day on my job out of college with Nattinger, Lowry and Company CPAs, they took me to the S.O.S. Club for lunch. Dora was our waitress. She was breathtakingly lovely and so nice. It was a set-up - I was asked first - what would I like to drink - Ice Tea I asked for - the table and Dora all laughed, if you are going to be an accountant you have to drink like one - okay a Smirnoff it was. Dora laughed and we have have been friends ever since. Going to miss that one of a kind very special person. The best. RIP friend. 💔

Ken Cornick - July 02, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dora Lucas-Ericksen.



July 01, 2023 at 05:49 PM



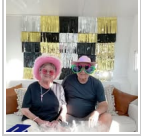
“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dora Lucas-Ericksen.

July 01, 2023 at 05:49 PM

BA

“ I first met Dora at the SOS Club in Modesto. She was absolutely beautiful, her smile and twinkling eyes were a knockout. And her wonderful personality just oozed from her. She was simply one of the nicest, caring person I ever met. My sincerest condolences to all her family and friends.

Bob Anderson - July 01, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *Dora was one of the most beautiful people that I ever met and in so many ways! I had to distinct pleasure to work and socialize with Dora for 10 years at the SOS Club!*

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**Ron Moorhouse** - July 01, 2023 at 03:19 PM

DD

“ *I have so many memories of Dora. As her cousin we grew up together since we were close in age. She was adorable with her dimples and all. Beautiful both inside and out. She had a lot of common sense and had a good sense of humor. Always thought the best of people, hard worker, and respectful. I am beyond sad to know that I can't reach out to her anymore. She was the heart of our family and will remain in our hearts forever. Rest in peace, my sweet cousin. You fought a good fight. My love ❤️*

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**Dianne David-Kleiner** - July 01, 2023 at 12:06 PM

MB

“Dora was a beautiful lady inside and out. The news of her passing crushed my heart and soul. I have so many memories leaking out of my eyes. She was a great friend and mentor to me, always having my best interests at heart. She steered me in the right directions many time. And oh the prayers, she prayed faithfully every morning for everyone she knew, it took a long time for her to get out of bed because she knew everyone! I felt her love and prayers many time. I will cherish our wonderful memories forever. My deepest condolences to Jim and the whole family. I know how devastated I am, I can only imagine how they are all feeling. Until we meet again, I will love and miss you dearly.

*Your loving friend and admirer,*

*Mari*



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**Mari Bughi** - July 01, 2023 at 11:43 AM

AM

“ To the family and friends, I'm so sorry for your loss. The world will not be same without Dora. What a beautiful soul. She will be missed for sure. I met Dora working at SOS 1985 where she had the patience of a Saint. Later years we went to the horse races. Then parties at the SOS and the Fruit Yard. Gathering with friends, dancing and having good times. I feel lucky to have known such an amazing person. Ill see you on the other side Dora 🦋 Thank you for kindness and loving heart. 💜



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**Angela mineni** - July 01, 2023 at 10:20 AM

JC

“ Dora was a Beautiful Blessing ❤️🙏❤️

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**Jonette Crowell** - June 29, 2023 at 04:40 PM

HB

“ Dora was such a beautiful person inside and out! God blessed her with beauty, I think of Dora when I would go to her little coffee house for lunch, was never not happy with my meals! She will be remembered by lots and lots of people, so many loved her! May you Rest In Peace and reunite with your loved ones in Heaven!

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**Helen Berry** - June 29, 2023 at 02:52 AM

RS

“ Dora was the most caring, life loving, and friendliest person I have ever met. My mom and her were the best of friends growing up. There wasn't a memory my mom (Geraldine) didn't share without Dora in it. She will forever leave the greatest footprint in our hearts. My heart gos out to the family during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Dora ☐🕊

Rochelle Sherman - June 28, 2023 at 11:57 AM

DC

“ This lady was a Northern California Celebrity. I've never met a person that didn't know Dora Lucas. Hands down the sweetest mother figure I'll ever know. I can't even put into words how much I loved & respected her. Dora truly changed my life for the better. She is going to be a busy gal in heaven because there is no doubt in my mind.....She will be Gods right hand helper. Theadora, thanks for being my sort of pretend, step Mom. I'll love ❤️ you till my last breath and beyond.  
Love Denise Callahan, your Niecers🙏

Denise Callahan - June 28, 2023 at 01:14 AM

CW

“ Dora created a legacy of love for her family and friends that will continue to live on forever.

Cindy Wilson - June 28, 2023 at 12:35 AM

DP

“ She was such a bright shining candle and the sweetest person I have ever known

Dianne Piccinini - June 27, 2023 at 10:49 PM