



## Elwyn Richard Soderquist

February 11, 1939 - May 7, 2016

Richard Soderquist, 77, was born in Turlock to Edwin and Ella Soderquist. He attended Hawthorne Grammar School, Wakefield Junior High, and graduated from Turlock High School in 1957.

At 17, Richard bought his beloved 1954 Mercury, and after being restored by Gene Winfield it won many awards at numerous car shows. Richard was also a member of a high school car club known as “Crankers.”

After high school Richard enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and stationed in Yokosuka, Japan, he worked in intelligence. In 1961 he returned to Turlock and married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie Beatty.

Richard bought Soderquist Hatchery from his father in 1970, and soon after he also purchased Della’s Dress Shop in downtown Turlock. Within a year it became known as Miss Margie’s Fashions, and was later renamed Expressions and Express For Less.

In the last twenty years Richard opened Yesterday’s Expressions Antiques store on S. Center St., which eventually became Main St. Antiques at Main and Golden State, his former dress shop location.

He was a fan of Oakland Raiders football and March Madness, and enjoyed travel to his favorite destinations—Hawaii, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz. He treasured his time spent with family and friends.

In retirement Richard became an online entrepreneur, which earned him a reputation as being one of the largest record retailers on Ebay. It was a vocation and hobby he enjoyed until losing his battle with Leukemia on May

7th.

Richard is survived by children Sheri (Randy) LaCross, Teresa Benedict, and Rick Soderquist, and grandchildren Travis LaCross, Bergen Benedict, and Braden Benedict. He also leaves sisters Carmen Fransen and Joanne Ryan. Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sat., May 21, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Sun., May 22, as the same location. Private entombment will take place at Turlock Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 21.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 22.** 1:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elwyn Richard Soderquist*

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January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Teresa & Family*

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories and he will be with you always.*

*Kathy & Alan Smith*

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**Kathy Smith** - May 13, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *My heart aches for you, Teresa and your family knowing how close you were to your father in business and your personal lives.*

*Continue to talk of him and relive memories with others and that will help you with the hard days ahead. May God guide you and keep you in his loving arms as you remember you father.*

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**Pam & Mike Peterson** - May 12, 2016 at 11:06 AM