



Ernie Mendes

June 14, 1949 - December 18, 2022

Ernie Allen Mendes entered into heavenly rest on Sunday, December 18, 2022 in Modesto, CA. He was 73 years old. Ernie was born to Manuel and Madaline Mendes on June 14, 1949 in Turlock, CA. He was raised on his family's dairy farm in Crows Landing, CA. Ernie dropped out of high school to help run the dairy. Ernie proudly served his country as part of the 57th Transportation company as a heavy gun truck driver during the Vietnam War. He was able to obtain his GED after he came back from the war. He worked as a forklift driver for 32 years for Gallo Glass Company where he met the love of his life Debbie. He and Debbie Mendes were married on April 30, 1982 in Modesto, CA. Ernie loved being outdoors, fishing, hunting, and camping. His favorite place was Lake Don Pedro. He also loved visiting with his family and friends. Ernie was a member of VFW, ECV, Turlock Sportsman, Escalon Sportsman, Nam Nomads, Modesto Goodtimers RV Club, and Elks. In 2015, he found out that the Nam Nomads, his Vietnam brothers, were meeting every year. They met at different parts of the country for a big reunion. This was the best therapy for Ernie, as he always looked forward to his Vietnam brother's reunion. Ernie will be greatly missed by his loving family and will always be remembered in their hearts.

Ernie was preceded in death by parents, Manuel and Madaline; and his brother, Gene.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Debbie; his daughters, Kimberly,

Melanie, and Tamra; 8 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, 2 great-grandsons, 1 great-granddaughter to be born in February; and his devoted service dog, Miss Trixie Dixie.

A Celebration of Life is being held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Grand Oak, 1450 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, CA 95380.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

The Grand Oak
1450 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Hi Debbie this is Evelyn,
Ernie's sister that you deliberately left out of his obituary. Thank you
for that.

Evelyn Mendes - January 29, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Ernie Mendes

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM

AH

“ You've been my favorite brother-in-law for over 40 years and always
will be!!
Thank you for always driving me in the snow to work 😊
I love you and will miss your phone calls!
Love your favorite sister-in-law 💙❤



Anna Hughes - January 07, 2023 at 10:01 PM

EM

Thanks Debbie Mendes for leaving me out of my brother's obituary.
That was so kind of you.

Evelyn Mendes - January 29, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ *The Roberts Family & The Simmons Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ernie Mendes.* ”



The Roberts Family & The Simmons Family - January 05, 2023 at 04:17 PM

KI

“ *Everything I learned about camping and roughing it is from my dad.. I have alot of fun memories.* ”



Kimberly - December 29, 2022 at 11:23 AM