



## Frank Joseph Bettencourt

March 31, 1932 - February 8, 2012

Frank J. Bettencourt, Sr., age 79, of Ceres, died at home surrounded by his family. Frank was born in Modesto and raised in Patterson, a 1950 graduate of Patterson High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Frank is survived by his wife of 56 years, Laura, and their three sons and three daughters-in-law: Alette of Kuna, ID; Mike and Stephanie of Ceres; Chris of Ceres; and Patrick and Rebecca of Turlock. He had one remaining brother, Chuck, of Caldwell, ID. Frank is preceded in death by his oldest son, Frank Jr., in 2010. Frank loved nine grandchildren: Michelle, Robert, Alissa, Anna, Katie, Michael, Erin, Amelia, and Xavier; and two great-grandchildren Kenna and Kasen.

Frank was the son of an Azorean immigrant and as such lived and breathed the Portuguese, Catholic culture of his community. He was active in Patterson and Crows Landing festas, served as President of St. Anthony's Celebration in 1956 and was a devout participant in the St. Anthony's processions for 50 years, a commitment for which he was recognized by the Association in 2003. For twenty-seven years, he and Laura were members of Teams of Our Lady. His father's musical talent with the viola lived in his love of fado and through his regular attendance at cantorias. The language, customs, music, and food: the matanças and morcella, and more, all held secure places in his heart and were the interests he kept through his illness.

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfathers, Frank invested a lifetime of work in the dairy business, first as a child with his family, then as a partner with his father, later as a partner with his brothers, and eventually as a partner with his sons. He was proud of his place and derived great satisfaction from work and hard-earned accomplishment. A local pioneer in the application of animal nutrition science, his herd earned notoriety and production awards. Practical business sense and earnest wisdom were his trademarks. Service to his community was a cornerstone of his values. He served as Trustee for five terms on the Mountain View-Chatom Unified School District Board and received the School Bell Award from California Teachers' Association in 1992. He was a member of the Stanislaus County School Boards Association. He was a member of the Mountain View 4-H Club throughout all the years of his sons' participation, serving in the position of Community Leader. He served as a volunteer firefighter with the Mountain View Fire

District.

Remembrances in his memory may be made to a favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 13. 9:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church  
2602 South Walnut Road  
Turlock, CA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Joseph Bettencourt*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM

MG

“ *Patrick and Family, My deepest condolences to you and your family. Your family is in my prayers to give you strength through this tough time.  
Sincerely, Margo*

Margo Guzman - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Sympathy and prayers for you and your loved ones. Know that you are greatly appreciated, and I sorrow for your loss.*

Ruth Waymire - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Patrick and family, I am really sorry for your loss please accept my condolences.*

Elmo Maragol - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Patrick and Family,*

*Please accept my deepest condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*In sympathy,  
David Hoobyar*

David Hoobyar - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Dear Laura & Family we are so sorry to hear of Frank's passing Sincerely Frank & Eednak*

Frank & Edna Panarra - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Our hearts are heavy for your family as you grieve this loss.*

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**Kyle and Ruth Luman** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Laura, Patrick and family*

*I'm so sorry for your loss, but what a blessing Frank was, may he be in a better place right next to God, pain free. Our prayers are with you all. Love Manuel & Goretty Oliveira*

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**Manuel & Goretty Oliveira** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM