



John Edward Alvares

June 9, 1968 - October 31, 2025

John Edward Alvares, 57, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2025 surrounded by his family and so much love.

John was born in Patterson, CA on June 9, 1968. He grew up in Hughson and attended high school in Hughson and Hilmar, CA. John lived in Merced County most of his adult life, where he raised his three daughters.

John's first job was at a dairy when he was about 12 years old. He spent the rest of his life working in the dairy industry whether that was managing dairy farms, farming for dairies, brokering hay, or selling farming equipment. He knew everything there was to know about farming and he was good at it. Whenever work got too stressful, he found relief driving tractors. John loved tractors and operating heavy machinery. He also loved taking his dogs Charlie and Newt to work with him where he would watch them run around and swim on the farm; they were his best friends.

Growing up and in his 20s, John loved riding horses with his mom. He rode in 4-H horse shows as a kid and worked as a cowboy at the roping arena in Newman while in high school and later on a rodeo circuit.

In his free time, John loved hunting, fishing, and camping. He owned enough camping gear and yeti ice chests to support a small army. John loved to cook.

He showed up to every event or family function with more than enough food, and options too. Most of all, he loved being a dad and sharing his hobbies with his kids. He always showed up to his girls' sporting events with jokes, a BBQ, snacks, and a cooler full of Gatorade for the team. He would FaceTime his daughters at least multiple times per week, if not multiple times per day, whether it was a 60-second call just to see what they were up to or a 60-minute call. A lot of people had their phone minutes run up by John; he was always on the phone and loved talking to people.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Dan and Jeannie Carpenter and Joe and Maria Alvares, his step grandfather Don Reed, and his Uncle Tony Alvares.

John is survived by his three daughters Madison, Courtney, and Lauren; his sons-in-law, AJ, Samuel, and Aaron; and two grandsons Nathan (Madison) and John (Courtney, due Nov 29). He was the son of Melony Reed, Terry Reed (stepfather), and John Alvares. He also leaves behind his step grandmother, Lois Reed; siblings and siblings-in-law, Lisa, Harold, Gena, Lonnie, Leanne, Ashley, and Nicole; his nieces and nephews, Taylor, Dani, Abby, Megan, Lily x2, Wyatt, and Ezra; his great nephews Beau and James; and his cousins, Steven, Chris, Rosie, and many more.

A memorial for John will be held at 10am on Friday, November 14, at Turlock Funeral Home. A luncheon is to follow. All are welcome; please share this information with anyone who knew him.

Donations to fund the John Alvares Memorial Agricultural Scholarship will be accepted in place of flowers. To make a donation please bring cash, a check payable to Lauren Alvares, or contact Lauren at lauren.alvares@outlook.com.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

757 N. Soderquist Rd
Turlock , CA 95380

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Interment Following Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Reception to Follow

NOV **14**. 11:30 AM (PT)

Legacy Circle - Turlock Memorial Park
575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Alvares.*



November 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ *Tom, Cindy, Derrick & Leanne Richards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Alvares.*

Tom, Cindy, Derrick & Leanne Richards - November 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of John Edward Alvares.*



November 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *Taylor Dawson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Alvares.*

Taylor Dawson - November 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JF

“ RIP Big John the Tony Sopranno of Le Grand

Jake Farnsworth - November 11, 2025 at 01:03 AM

LA

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren - November 06, 2025 at 12:26 PM



Johnny I love you . Little brother 🥰❤️🙏🏻🙏🏻☹️ You will be missed ❤️🙏🏻

Cathy Rodrigues - November 07, 2025 at 03:17 AM

LJ

Cathy, so sorry to hear about your brother. Too young and heartbreaking. Hopefully you and your family have great memories to fill the void. ❤️✝️

Lynn Johnson-Bull - November 10, 2025 at 09:17 PM

GC

“ Gladie Childres lit a candle in memory of John Edward Alvares



Gladie Childres - November 05, 2025 at 08:48 PM

GC

Melony. I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember the day you had John.



Gladie Childres - November 05, 2025 at 08:49 PM

SR

John was a great father and loved his family. He had a big heart and was always made me feel very welcome in his home. We had some great bbq's as the girls grew up in Le Grand. May he rest in peace and may he perpetual light shine upon him. Madison, Courtney and Lauren, I am so deeply sorry, he was way to young.

Sandy Del Real - November 06, 2025 at 02:01 PM

PO

Our hearts break for all of John's family. John was not only a wonderful friend, brother, father, and grandfather, but the love he showed openly to his mom & dad (Terry) was incredibly heartwarming to witness. We are deeply sorry to hear of his passing. 🙏💔🙏

Pati & Corky Ogletree - November 07, 2025 at 03:27 PM