



## John Elmer Plett

December 9, 1950 - January 10, 2021

John Elmer Plett was a man of God and retired police officer. The Lord called him home on Sunday morning, January 10, 2021, at Turlock Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

John was born and raised in Turlock, CA. He attended Johnson Joint School, graduated from Turlock High School in 1968, and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree at California State University, Fresno. John moved to Covina, CA, where he became a police officer for the California Highway Patrol in East L.A. While in Covina, John met and married the love of his life, Kathryn Loene Bethany in 1977. After six years as a CHP officer, he moved back home to Denair and started a business with his brother Jerry doing custom farming. John then finished his career as a police officer for 16 more years at California State University, Stanislaus. He retired at the rank of Sergeant in 2007. He spent his retirement years enjoying his third career as a substitute teacher and loved every minute of it!

John grew up in the Evangelical Free Church of Turlock, and in later years attended Gateway Community Church of Denair. He was the Denair Sports Booster President, a board member of the Stanislaus County Police Officers Association and the Denair Unified School District.

John never met a stranger who wasn't a friend, and led his family and his life following Christ. If you knew John, you knew he smiled with his eyes, gave the best bear hugs and had a firm handshake. He was proud of his girls, could fix anything, loved to waterski and help anyone in need. We miss him!!

John was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Anna Plett, as well as his brother Jerry Plett. He is survived by his wife Kathy Plett, his sisters Judy Chambers, Jane Miller, Verna Riopel, and Joy Ingram, his children Kara (Brian) Binkley, Ashley (Jeremy) Hall, Lindsey Plett, Cassie Plett, and his 6 grandchildren.

A viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021, at Turlock Funeral, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday,

January 19, 2021, at Gateway Community Church, 3440 Lester Rd., Denair.

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 18.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Memorial Service

**JAN 19.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Gateway Community Church  
3440 Lester Rd.  
Denair, CA 95316

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Elmer Plett*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *I had the privilege to have John sub my classes at Turlock High School. I taught a lot of the Ag Mechanics classes and I was appreciated having John sub since I know my students would be in good hands and the lesson I left would be taught to the fullest. I believed he like subbing in the shop since he told me of his work in the sheet metal industry and enjoyed sharing with the students his experiences. I also enjoyed talking with him when I saw him on campus subbing for another ag teacher or someone else. He was a great man, true gentleman, and a large presence with a deep voice in the classroom especially for freshmen boys in the shop.*

*I know that John is now enjoying the company of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.*

*To the Plett family, praying comfort and peace for you during this time.*

*Joe DiGrazia*

Joseph P DiGrazia - January 23, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He always put a smile on my face & was just a great guy to talk to.*

*To Kathy & the girls take care of one another, John will always be there for you.*

Craig Yerby - January 18, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *I met John a number of years ago at the coffee shop in Raley's. He was a kind, smart, sweet man, and since we both lived in Denair, I would often see him walking past my house on Lester Road, often with his dog Sadie. Especially on nice summer evenings, he would stop and we'd shoot the breeze a bit; I also suspect he was checking to make sure that I, a single lady, was OK: that's who he was. He will be missed.*

Candy Klaschus - January 18, 2021 at 03:33 PM

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“ I am saddened to hear about John's illness and passing. I enjoyed seeing and speaking with him on campus. He was always smiling, friendly, and helpful. Such a genuine soul. My sincere condolences to John's loved ones. I wish them peace and strength during this difficult time. He's truly a GEM!

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**Sheri Biasca** - January 16, 2021 at 11:30 PM

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“ Dear Plett Family

*Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers for strength during this time of family loss.*

*I grew up with John in the Evangelical Free Church. We were in the same youth groups but never hung out together. However, one nice gesture will always be remembered. My brother, Bob Hedstrom, was the youth pastor for a time and we had events at our farm and sometimes the Plett's farm. At one event (maybe 5th grade) some of the naughty church boys were making fun of me and John ordered them to stop. I always wanted to thank him for sticking up for me, but never got the chance. God knew he was the best guy to raise girls.*

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**Sandy Hedstrom Taylor** - January 16, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Elmer Plett.



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January 16, 2021 at 11:43 AM