



Laurence "Larry" Costa

January 4, 1948 - March 7, 2025

Laurence "Larry" Costa was born on January 4th, 1948 in Altares, Terceira, Azores. He immigrated to Chino, California at 4 years old for a short time, before returning back to the Azores where he was able to attend school. He spent many years going from California to his homeland, Terceira, before settling down here in the valley as a young adult where he lived for many years in Hilmar. Larry began his career driving school buses for McSwain School District in 1977, and retired in 2005. Most recently he lived out his final years in a Modesto home specializing in memory care, where he loved to have visitors, especially when they brought yummy traditional Portuguese sweets.

On his free time, Larry enjoyed spending time at his sister, Mary Fernandes' ranch, with her and her family. He especially loved spending time with his only nephew, Anton. Beyond family, Larry loved to cook and enjoyed watching classic movies. His many cousins will fondly remember him for his love of a good political conversation or of his many, many topics of knowledge. It was often joked that Larry was our family's' walking encyclopedia. One of his Godchildren, who also had a love of learning, famously enjoyed asking Larry a random, scholarly question just to see if he knew the answer, and of course he always did!

Larry passed peacefully in Modesto, CA on March 7th, 2025. He is preceded

in death by his mother and father Francisco and Aurora Costa, his sister and brother-in-law Mary and Duarte Fernandes and most recently his Godson, Daniel Lourenco. Larry is survived by his nephew Anton Fernandes, his Aunt Liberia of Canada, and many cousins.

Services are as follows: Visitation will be Thursday, March 27th at Turlock Funeral Home at 5pm with rosary beginning at 6pm. Funeral mass will be Friday, March 28th at Our Lady of the Assumption at 10am. He will be laid to rest 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

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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

Recitation of the Rosary

MAR 27. 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Interment Following Funeral Mass

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Joao and Alice Garcia purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Laurence "Larry" Costa.



Joao and Alice Garcia - March 25, 2025 at 03:44 PM

JG

“ Joao and Alice Garcia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurence "Larry" Costa.

Joao and Alice Garcia - March 25, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ We have so many great memories; you loved sharing knowledge and insight with us and the boys - we will always remember those great times together.
Joao & Alice Garcia

Alice Garcia - March 25, 2025 at 03:27 PM

RD

“ I had the privilege of working with Larry at McSwain School. I was a new teacher at the time and he was one I truly looked up to from the beginning and remained so thereafter. He was such smart and exceptional human being — I loved any conversation I would have with him. He was a kind hearted dear man, dearly loved by so many children and adults. I was so blessed to have the honor of working with him those years we served together at McSwain.

Ronda Douglas - March 19, 2025 at 07:01 PM

HC

“ *Lawrence was a great cousin and friend rest in peace with all your family* ”

Hélio e Ângela couto - March 13, 2025 at 03:54 PM