



## Louis Jacinto Aja

July 24, 1932 - April 22, 2016

Louie Aja, 83, passed away peacefully in the evening. He was born in Merced Falls to Jose and Eugenia Aja, the 7th of 9 children. The family moved to Livingston in 1942, where Louie graduated from Livingston High School in 1950. He was a life-long resident of Merced County.

Louie served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years, and on Feb. 14, 1955, he met the love of his life, Jeanette Ruth Rocha. They were married July 1, 1955. After working with his brother for 16 years in the dry cleaning business, he went to work for Procter & Gamble in Modesto, where he retired after 25 years. P&G made Pamper diapers, but if you asked Louie what type of work he did, he'd say he made "seat covers."

Quiet, shy and unassuming, Louie had a great sense of humor and many friends. After retirement he and Jeanette spent time traveling in their motorhome. When they'd had enough of that, they fell in love with Kennedy Meadows, spending 15 seasons there. Louie had his own horse for many years and he loved working around the horses at the pack station. He so enjoyed his life at Kennedy, and especially his relationship with Matt Bloom. He was a life member of the American Legion and a 50-year member and twice past president of the Turlock Horsemen's Club.

Louie is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeanette Rocha Aja, children Kathleen Roche (Tyler), Randy Aja and Tony Aja, grandchildren Tauna, Amy and Aaron Aja and Bailee and Madeline Roche, and great-granddaughter Alice Aja. He also leaves sisters Anita Groth and Margaret Hogg and 21

nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters Josephine Ryan and Mary Thomson and brothers Andrew, Julian, Diego and Joe Aja.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Mon., May 2, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock.

The family would like to thank the wonderful caring people at Grace Nursing Home in Livingston for the compassionate care given to Louie in his final days.

Memorials may be made to Livingston Historical Museum, P.O. Box 104, Livingston, CA 95334, or Turlock Historical Society, P.O. Box 18, Turlock, CA 95381.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 2. 10:30 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Jacinto Aja*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Louie was a Dad to me too! Marilyn said it all recalling those childhood days at the Turlock Horsemen Club events. I will never forget being on a hike far from camp and hearing Louie's distinctive whistle which meant it was time for kids to return to camp. Or the look on his face when he found a group of us playing pool at Dardenelles. (I wonder how long he whistled before he started looking for us!) I also remember my father, John Souza and Louie often team roped at the club. And then there were the weekends catering. It seems 90% of my childhood memories include the Aja's. (Dang-it, my eyes are leaking . . .)*

*My heart breaks for the Aja family. I know how it is to loose a Dad. You must be so sad but yet so proud to have called Louie your father. He was a wonderful man that I will remember, fondly, always.*

*Julie (Souza) Costa  
see ya Monday*

Julie Costa - April 28, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Louis Jacinto Aja.*



April 28, 2016 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Louie, was one of my dads in the Horsemens Club we know if he said something we better listen. Our club family are the best memories i have of growing up. Eagle Meadow was the best even if kids got a little lost on a trail. I will always think of Louie and my dad as real cowboys. Wish I could be there for the family. Just know I am praying for all of you. Love, Marilyn (Sanchez) Linhares*

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**marilyn linhares** - April 27, 2016 at 08:30 AM

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“ *We have such wonderful and fond memories of working with Louie for many years. A very hard and dedicated co-worker at Proctor & Gamble. He will be missed. Bette & Dennis Hinkley*

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**Hinkley** - April 26, 2016 at 10:58 PM