



## Marvin Dale Johnsen

April 16, 1934 - June 10, 2010

Services for Marvin Dale Johnsen, 76, of Turlock are scheduled for 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 19, at Turlock Funeral Home, with interment following at Turlock Memorial Park. Visitation will take place from noon to 5 p.m., Friday. He died suddenly at his residence on Thursday. Marvin was born in Turlock, and his family moved when he was quite young. His father, Benny, was a welder on gold dredges, so they followed the work to Le Grand, Murphys, Vallecito, Folsom, and Oroville. They returned to Turlock in 1949 when Marvin was a sophomore, and he graduated from Turlock High in 1952. He married his high school sweetheart, Elaine Ramos, in the summer of 1953. Marvin worked as a butcher for 20 years in Gustine, and then started his second career as a carpenter. He worked for Jim Fernandes Construction until his retirement in 1998. He also worked on the family ranch growing walnuts and olives. He's the third generation Johnsen to make the family's special home-cured olives. Marv kept busy after retirement by volunteering hundreds of hours for the refurbishment of Turlock Historical (Hysterical) Museum, alongside one of his best friends, Jim Fernandes. They were both named Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellows in 2004 for their many hours of commitment to the museum. Marv also spent many hours making, placing, and maintaining wood duck boxes, and banding ducklings for the Stanislaus County Fish & Wildlife Committee, of which he was a long standing member. He loved making things from wood and food products; tops, jewelry boxes, chess boards, banks, and children's toys, all made from harvested olive and

walnut wood from the ranch. He always had some mysterious culinary creation in the works. He was also a squirrel population control specialist and founder of S.P.C.S. Most of all Marv loved his family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine, his parents, Benny and Gladys (Dimberg) Johnsen, and his brother-in-law, Barry Arndt. Hes survived by his sisters, Danette Tiernan (Bill) and Jeannine Arndt, his children, Richelle Alexander (Jeff), Marlaine Babbitt (Allen), Scott Johnsen (Wendy), Denise Maxwell (Anthony), Brett Johnsen (Vickie), 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include year-long Y.F.U. exchange students that Marv and Elaine hosted, all of whom are still part of the family today. Memorials may be made to Turlock Historical Society, P.O. Box 18, Turlock, CA 95381. Services are under the direction of Turlock Memorial Park & Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Dale Johnsen*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *To the entire Johnsen family, We would like to offer our condolences to each of you on the passing of your father. It was a honor to know such a hard working and humble man that he was. I (Louisa) remember going to your house when you Johnsen children were little people. What a fun house and it was because it was filled with love from your dad and mom. Gone but not forgotten. Louisa & Ron Allen*

**Louisa Allen** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marvin, We are truly going to miss you and your wonderful outlook on life. You are one of a kind. Jim and Delores*

**Jim and Delores Coelho** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *TO THE JOHNSEN FAMILY~~~~~ WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY TO EACH OF YOU ON THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER. WE RESPECTED HIM AS A HARD WORKING PERSON WITH A GENTLE HEART. YOUR LOSS IS TURLOCK'S LOSS ALSO. WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO SAY WE KNEW MARVIN JOHNSEN. LOUISA AND RON ALLEN*

**Louisa Allen** - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We love "Ping" so much! I'll miss the great hugs he gave every time I saw him and a warm "Hi, Babe!" he greeted me with! I'll never forget how he lit up after I did "Nina's" hair one day when she was in a wheel chair. "Wow", he said! Even as a child I remember Ping always around-never harsh words-always gentle and patient. Bob will miss all the long chats they had about work and Ping's projects. He considered Ping his uncle too, he even called him that! We are sorry for your loss we know that the pain is hard but the memories are wonderful! Our prayer is that you will all be drawn closer together to support each other and to remember all the great times! Love and Hugs! Bob & Jenelle Guinn

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**Jenelle & Bob** - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM