



Phillip George Larson "Phil"

May 15, 1939 - July 23, 2020

Phillip George Larson (Phil), a lifetime resident of Turlock, passed away peacefully at his home on July 23, 2020, after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by his family. He was 81 years old.

Phil was born on May 15, 1939, to Paul and Dorothy Larson in Turlock. He was raised here, living most of his life on the family ranch in East Turlock. He attended Turlock schools and graduated from Turlock High School, continuing his education and graduating from Fresno State University with a Business degree. Phil served in the National Guard after college. He worked hard and built an amazing business in Turlock, Western Ranch Plaza, where he made many lifelong friends who came to be a part of the family.

Phil loved playing sports, including football, basketball, baseball and track. He continued playing softball and basketball into adulthood. He loved animals. Phil was a longtime cattle rancher and team roper. He was a valued lifetime member of Turlock Horsemen's Club, including club president from 1980-1981.

Phil married Sonya Ellefson in July 1961 and together they raised three wonderful daughters, Tena, Amy and Lisa.

Phil later married Denise Hawkins in December 2004, living at the family ranch.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, ex-wife Sonya and his nephews Chris and Randy.

Phil is survived by his loving ex-wife and caregiver Denise, constant

companion Jake, brothers Charles and Paul Larson (Becky), his three daughters Tena Leonis (Dan), Amy Azevedo and Lisa Smith (Brandon), and his step-children Michelle Van Fleet (Mike) and Michael Mays (Angela). He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Phil was a generous man with a great sense of humor. Many people of all ages were drawn to his kind heart and cherished his amazing hugs. Our lives are forever changed by him.

A visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12th. All services will be conducted at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock.

Following the funeral service, Phil will be interred at Turlock Memorial Park.

For anyone who would like to view the services safely from their own home, Phil's services will be live-streamed. The link will remain available indefinitely.

Link: <https://www.viewlogies.net/turlock/tEJArDifh>

Password: phillip (all lowercase)

Memorial donations can be made in Phil's honor to Covenant Care Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Interment

AUG **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Phillip George Larson "Phil"

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ I just want to extend my condolences to my dear friend Amy, and her whole family. I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I lost your number and email a while ago so this is the only way I knew to contact you. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I love and miss you sweet girl!

Angie Marson-Byrd - August 11, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ We will miss Phil so much at the Van Fleet holidays. A true gentleman and friend to all.

Our deepest condolences,
Tim & Tracy Van fleet

Tracy Van Fleet - August 09, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Phillip George Larson "Phil".



August 01, 2020 at 11:19 AM