



Raymond Lewis Baptista

April 22, 1933 - November 30, 2019

Raymond Lewis Baptista went Home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, November 30, 2019 in Modesto, CA at the age of 86.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Virgilene (Virgie) Baptista; children, Ronald Baptista (Ella), Robin Berdion (Richard), Paula Martin (Allen), Steven Schmitz (Stephanie) and Dan Schmitz; son-in-law's, Gene Forrette and Ralph Azevedo; sister, Margaret (Maggie) Oliveira; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his many nieces and nephews, as well as countless friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, 9 siblings and daughters Pamela Forrette and Cathlene (Cathy) Azevedo.

Raymond was born on April 22, 1933 in Hughson, CA to John and Anna Baptista. He was the youngest of 11 children and remained very close with his brothers and sisters his entire life. He graduated from Hughson High School in 1952. He farmed with his brothers his whole adult life. He had 4 children with his first wife, Sharon. When he married his wife Virgilene, he gladly added 3 more children to his home. Together, he and Virgie built a family that loves spending time together.

Raymond had a love of sports. He competed as an athlete in basketball, baseball and softball. He especially loved his Dallas Cowboys and Oakland A's. He loved watching his grandkids compete or perform in events, from sports, concerts, 4-H, or FFA. He loved fishing with buddies and playing cards around a poker barrel or family table. He was a kind, generous, and fun-loving man who loved his family most.

A visitation will be held Monday, December 9, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A funeral is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. All services will be held at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Raymond's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to "Cathlene Azevedo Scholarship Fund:" P.O. Box 307 Ceres, CA 95307. Checks can be made out to "CVHS Scholarship Fund" with "Raymond Baptista" written in the memo line.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Lewis Baptista*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Lewis Baptista.*



December 07, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ *Robin & family so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Hoping it helps to know that others share your sorrow. Cherish all the memories. With thoughts and prayers and our deepest sympathy. Alan & Kathy Smith*

Kathy Smith - December 05, 2019 at 12:27 PM



So Sorry for your loss Virgie. We send you and the family our Condolences. With Our thoughts and prayers. Earl and Pam Strait

Pam and Earl Strait - December 08, 2019 at 12:18 AM



Sound ron dad has good life and enjoy his sports I'm true sorry that ur dad pass away I has my dad pass away last year understand and he go good in peaceful with god always take good care of him for his family

Samuel hatter - December 09, 2019 at 12:07 PM

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Robin and family Sorry for you loss, May your loving memories help heal your heart.

Beverly Bentley - December 11, 2019 at 02:59 PM