



Rodney Thomas Santos

April 25, 1947 - December 10, 2023

Rodney Santos, beloved husband, stepfather, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away on December 10, 2023. He was born on April 25, 1947, in Monterey and spent his formative years in the close-knit community of Livingston, California. He also resided in Hilmar and Newman. He attended Livingston High School and drove truck for Foster Farms until his retirement in 2006.

Rodney was a man of many passions, chief among them his love for gardening and fishing. His green thumb was legendary, transforming his backyard into a vibrant tapestry of colors and fragrances. His gardening was a testament to his ability to find beauty in the small details.

Equally at home in his boat and with a fishing rod in hand, Rodney loved being on the water and had fun teaching his wife, Becky, to fish. Whether casting a line in a serene lake or sharing fishing tales with family and friends, he embraced nature and savored every moment.

Rodney's zest for life was matched only by his unparalleled sense of humor. He was known for his boisterous laugh and made friends everywhere he went. Rodney loved a good road trip. He and Becky, enjoyed exploring California and the US together, visiting family and friends near and far, and creating lasting memories.

Rodney is survived by his devoted wife of over 13 years, Becky; his stepdaughters Wendy Brittain and Cindy Meza; son-in-law Luis Meza; grandchildren Liam and Evan Meza; and sister Susan Labuga; as well as his nieces, Vicki, Sharon, Karen, and Regina, and nephews, Nick, Adam, and Sean, and numerous great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie and Eleanor Santos, and sister, Cayrol Farinelli.

A funeral service to celebrate Rodney's life will be held on December 27 at 10 a.m. at the Turlock Funeral Home (425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, CA) with a burial to follow at Hilmar Cemetery and reception at Hilmar Cheese Company. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to the Down Syndrome Connection of Northwest Arkansas (<https://dscnwa.com/>) or the America Heart Association (<https://www.heart.org/>).

Cemetery Details

North Hilmar Cemetery

8710 Tegner Road
Hilmar, CA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Interment following Funeral Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

North Hilmar Cemetery
8710 Tegner Road
Hilmar, CA

Reception

DEC 27. 12:00 PM (PT)

Hilmar Cheese Company
9001 Lander Ave.
Hilmar, CA 95324

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rodney Thomas Santos.*



December 23, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rodney Thomas Santos.*



December 14, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *George and Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Thomas Santos.*

George and Brenda - December 14, 2023 at 08:54 PM