



Albert Leo Helpio

May 26, 1955 - July 29, 2024

Albert was born in Los Angeles, CA on May 26, 1955 to Finnish immigrant parents, Leo and Marjatta Helpio. As a child he spent much of his time visiting with his sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

After graduating Maranatha High school, Albert entered the Air Force, where he served 20 years. During this time, while working as a Recruiter, he met his future wife, Sharon. They married in June of 1988. Soon after, they were sent by the Air Force to Okinawa, Japan. Albert developed a fondness for the Okinawan people and their quiet, respectful ways.

After Albert retired from the Air Force, he attended Texas Woman's University where he earned his Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. He spent many years working with developmentally disabled adults at Porterville Development Center, which he found very rewarding. He was the proud recipient of the Governor's Safety Award in 2001.

Albert was very proud of his 5 children and their accomplishments and looked forward to spending time with them whenever he had the chance. He enjoyed daily walks in the park with Sharon, going to the beach, watching the news, listening to 70's rock & roll, and his beloved dog Scruffy.

Albert passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease on July 29th, 2024. He left this world peacefully, surrounded by family. He is survived by his

wife, Sharon, children Colin, Hannah, Erin, Emily, and Olivia, his sister Irene Lunsford & husband Brian, nephew Johannes Hekkanen and sister Debbie Helpio. May he rest in peace.

Homily of Prayers services will be held 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tuesday, August 13th, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 at Bakersfield National Cemetery, 30338 E. Bear Mtn. Blvd., Arvin.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Homily of Prayers

AUG **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Graveside

AUG **14**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery
30338 E. Bear Mtn. Blvd.
Arvin, CA 93203

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Leo Helpio*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 12, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert Leo Helpio.*



August 13, 2024 at 12:54 AM