



Christopher David Ruiz

February 2, 1975 - April 30, 2025

Christopher David Govea Ruiz passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving family on April 30, 2025. He was 50 years. Chris was born in Fresno, California to David and Yolanda Ruiz. He attended Pacific Union Elementary School and Washington Union High School.

In his early twenties, Chris volunteered for the Fresno County Fire Department and worked for American Ambulance. He had a change in career, and went on to work for the department of Corrections in October 1998. He served at the Pleasant Valley State Prison for 27 years where he retired on February 2, 2025.

Chris was the quintessential outdoorsman. He loved hiking, fishing, camping, biking, kayaking, off roading, and anything outdoors. Chris was also a biophillac having an affinity to the natural world and other living things, and he liked to use big scientific words at times.

Christopher shared his love of the outdoors with his loving wife, Elizabeth, and his daughter, Deseree, and his grandson, Jayson. They shared epic adventures, hikes, and trips all over western states. Some of Chris's favorite places included the Sequoias, Zion National Park, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the Grand Tetons. He took pride in visiting 21 National Parks. Chris also loved Christian and country music, time spent with family and friends, and good food. He often frequented bravo farms in Tulare, Dog House Grill in Fresno, salsa's Cantina in Clovis, Gozens in Visalia, and In-n-Out.

Christopher is preceded in death by his mother, Yolanda Ruiz, maternal grandparents Telesforo and Magdalena Ruiz, paternal grandparents Louis and Molly Govea, and Mercedes Govea. Christopher is survived by the love of his life, Elizabeth Ruiz, his father David Ruiz, his sisters Christina Ortega and Deana Ruiz, his brother Jonathan Ruiz, his daughter Deseree Arroyo, and his grandchildren Jayson, Jakob, and Julia.

Our loving son, husband, father, brother, Tito, uncle and friend returned home to heaven. May he rest in peace until we meet again. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to the Glioblastoma Foundation.

Viewing will be held 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 at Legacy Church, 3890 S Lovers Lane, Visalia. Graveside services will be held 10:00 AM Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 at Exeter District Cemetery, 719 E. Marinette Ave., Exeter.

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

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **21.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral

MAY **22.** 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (PT)

Legacy Church
3890 S Lovers Lane
Visalia, CA 93292

Graveside

MAY **22.** 10:00 AM (PT)

Exeter District Cemetery
719 E. Marinette Ave.
Exeter, CA 93221

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher David Ruiz*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - May 14, 2025 at 01:51 PM

EC

“ *ECYSB purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Christopher David Ruiz.*



ECYSB - May 21, 2025 at 06:41 PM

CC

“ *Mark and I lived across the street from Chris and Liz. My memory of Chris is of him planting and watering his beautiful gardens, always wearing his very patriotic cowboy boots. I think he loved those boots, summer or winter, wearing his shorts or possibly his PJ's, Chris would be wearing those boots tending to his yard. The memory brings a smile to my face. Chris you will be so miss. We love you Liz, Mark and Carol*

carol camstra - May 21, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LJ

“ Love Tina, Deanna, and Jonathan purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Christopher David Ruiz.



Love Tina, Deanna, and Jonathan - May 18, 2025 at 04:03 PM

DR

“ Dad & Lupe Ruiz purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Christopher David Ruiz.



Dad & Lupe Ruiz - May 18, 2025 at 01:03 PM

TC

“ The Ortega-Salcido Cousins purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Christopher David Ruiz.



The Ortega-Salcido Cousins - May 16, 2025 at 04:38 PM

TC

“ The Ortega-Salcido Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher David Ruiz.

The Ortega-Salcido Cousins - May 16, 2025 at 04:38 PM

LC

“ Hello. I remember heading to Yosemite a couple of times with Christopher and families. Once we all went towards the swinging bridge behind camp Wawona. It was lady bug season. There were tree's with thousands of lady bugs.... Christopher said, hey put them on me! So his mom, Joe and some others started getting handfuls of LB and covering this body from neck to waist and arms, what a sight! 😂 he was in his element and laughed, said take a picture! His mom and we did. Then he shook his body and they fell off. His mom helped him with the rest of them critters. ❤️

Lucia Garcia. Cousin. - May 10, 2025 at 06:31 PM