



Cruz Huerta, Jr

October 23, 1956 - November 15, 2025

Cruz Huerta Jr., 69, passed away unexpectedly on November 15, 2025.

Cruz was born on October 23, 1956, to Cruz S. Huerta Sr. and Lucia Huerta. A lifelong resident of Visalia, California, he attended Carrie Barnett Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, Green Acres Middle School, and Redwood High School.

After graduating, Cruz attended San Jose State University before choosing to honor his country by serving in both the United States Army Corps and the National Guard.

Throughout his life, Cruz worked in roles that reflected his strong work ethic, resilience, and dedication. He ultimately pursued a career with the California Highway Patrol, where he proudly served for 25 years before retiring. During his time as a CHP officer, he returned to school and earned his associate's degree. With support from his children, he later built a successful second career as the owner of his own real estate appraisal company.

Cruz met the love of his life, Rosie, at a young age. What began as a simple friendship blossomed into a lifelong partnership. They were married and spent the next 47 years together, raising three beautiful children: Michael, Corrina, and Catheryn.

Cruz lived a full and vibrant life enriched by the hobbies he loved. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping with family, traveling the world, watching sports, restoring classic cars, and, most of all, spending time with his family and friends. His humor, warmth, and strength left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Cruz is survived by his loving wife, Rosie; his children, Cruz "Michael" (Nicole) and Catheryn; and his grandchildren, Sophia and Andre. He is also survived by his siblings Maria, Angela, Abel, Margaret, Marcy, Bobby, Christina, and Debra.

He is preceded in death by his father, Cruz Huerta Sr.; his mother, Lucia Huerta; his brothers Jesse Vasquez and Benito Huerta; and his daughter, Corrina Huerta.

Cruz's memory will forever live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A viewing will be held from 4-6pm on Thursday, December 4th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. A rosary will follow at 6pm . A Mass of Christian Burial services will be held at 9:30am on Friday,

December 5th, 2025 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church Street, Visalia, with a graveside service to follow at 11am, Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

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

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

DEC 4. 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Graveside

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Cruz Huerta, Jr*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 02, 2025 at 11:43 AM

SC

“ *Mobile Webcast of the Funeral Mass from St. Mary's on Friday December 5th at 9:30am.*

<https://www.viewlogies.net/salser-and-dillard/utg7f2c55?pin=431654>

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapels - November 26, 2025 at 02:37 PM

DG

“ *I just found out about the passing of Cruz. My wife and I met both him and Rosie four years ago in Santa Maria at the North/South Ford F-100 show. Visited with them both every year at that show since. I am so sorry and saddened to hear of his passing. Heaven received one of the good ones!!! My heartfelt prayers and condolences to Rosie and her family. Cruz was a super nice guy. He also had a Beautiful truck. I thank him for his services to this great country.*

Danny Gomez - April 06 at 01:57 PM

JM

“ Was sorry to hear that Cruz had passed away. Debby Grady and I were CHP cadet classmates in Company A with Cruz. We remember him being rather quiet, always polite and always there if someone needed anything. We all went our separate way in life but we never forget our brethren. Rest in peace Cruz..... Jeri Albers-Miranda and Debby Grady

Jeri Miranda - February 12 at 11:37 PM

RC

“ Good memories of working with Cruz in Mojave, RIP.

r chambers - February 03 at 08:18 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cruz Huerta, Jr.



December 03, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cruz Huerta, Jr.



December 03, 2025 at 06:23 PM

LB

“ Linda Bruce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Huerta, Jr.

Linda Bruce - December 03, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cruz Huerta, Jr.



December 03, 2025 at 01:36 PM

TH

“ The Howarths planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Huerta, Jr.

The Howarths - December 03, 2025 at 01:36 PM

LH

“ Linda and Bruce Howarth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Huerta, Jr.

Linda and Bruce Howarth - December 03, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cruz Huerta, Jr.



December 03, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KB

“ *Kristen B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Huerta, Jr.*

Kristen B. - November 30, 2025 at 03:48 PM

AK

“ *Abel, Nancy, Kristi, and Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Huerta, Jr.*

Abel, Nancy, Kristi, and Kevin - November 30, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cruz Huerta, Jr.*



November 30, 2025 at 12:13 PM

MB

“ *Cruzer served with me for 25 years. Cheerful in all weathers, never sherked a task as a partner and friend. Splendid behavior!*

Mark Berlin - November 29, 2025 at 07:54 PM

JR

True Blue & Gold partner!

Jacqueline Randolph - December 02, 2025 at 02:52 PM

JR

Rosie and family, my heart goes out to you as this new chapter In your life begins.

There have been so many friends in the last 3 years, from the Visalia CHP Office, who have been called home to be with the Lord.

I know Richard, would have wanted to take this time to Thank Cruz, for encouraging him, and so many other's to take up running and building relationships at the same time.

Rich also talked about when Cruz was starting his new business adventure. He wished, you both best wishes and a great retirement from serving the State of California, as a True Blue and Gold Officer!

If you need any help with anything, please let me know.

Blessing's Jacqueline

Jacqueline Randolph - December 02, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JV

“ *Deepest condolences to your family 🌸
Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.
I am so sorry for your loss.*



Jesse & Deaunda Vega - November 29, 2025 at 10:50 AM

CD

“ My sincere condolences to the Huerta family during your time of loss. Cruz was the kindest and most patient person, esp with me, a when I was a newly licensed realtor. He helped me with appraisal questions in such a genuine way, that I considered him a friend from day one. 19 years later and I was able to still call him just to say hi, refer someone to him, or ask questions. He answered me every time. Thank you Cruz for being kind and for your wisdom. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Duerig

Charlotte Duerig - November 28, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Cruz Huerta, Jr.



November 24, 2025 at 11:45 AM