



## Darrel Gene Soward

August 19, 1945 - May 18, 2024

Darrel (08/19/45-05/18/24) passed away at Kaweah Delta Hospital. He was a mechanic, truck driver, Seabee in the Navy, and Engineer. Born in Tulare, CA and raised in Pixley, CA he spent the last 20 years in Lindsay, CA. Darrel loved the beach and anything that went fast.

He is survived by his partner Gwendolyn Ballard; his sisters Gail Smith and Donna Martin; his four children Tiffaney Currier (Greg), Amanda Brinkley (Jason), Cathy Reid (Tony), and Rusty Soward (Stephanie); nephew David Guinn, nieces Amber Matthews and Tammy Warren, many Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren.

Darrel graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1962. He was a projectionist at the Grove Theater from the age of 16 until graduating High School. He had numerous mechanical jobs until he went and enlisted in the Navy. He was schooled at Port Hueneme for Seabee's before he served in Vietnam, Adak Alaska, and Mississippi during Hurricane Camille. After the Military he worked as maintenance at RealFresh. He went on to become a Truck Driver until he started working as an Engineer for over 15 years for The Department of Developmental Services from which he retired from in Porterville, CA.

He was preceded in death by his Father Ead William Soward; his Mother Lois

Soward; his Sister Verna Guinn, Brother in Laws, and Grandparents.

Darrel will be greatly missed by all.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’m sorry for your loss..Darrel was one of my friends at work.. he was one of a kind. He would tell story’s of passed experience he had and we would laught.. sometimes we would be outside by my office enjoying the sun and just talk about random things. I remember he would always talk about his car he was building and his boat.. Darrel was my friend.. and I will miss him . But just know he’s out there driving fast cars and fishing everywhere he wants now.. Rest In Peace sir ☐ tell Dave I ran a 5k in his name .. love you dude!!



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