



David Lyle Peden, Jr.

February 25, 1947 - March 5, 2026

David Lyle Peden Jr., 79, of Visalia, California, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2026, in Visalia, California. He was born on February 25, 1947, in Woodlake, California, to David Lyle Peden and Lula Mae Carrier.

David grew up in Woodlake, California, and graduated from Woodlake High School in 1964. He continued his education at the College of Sequoias before transferring to California State University, where he earned his degree in 1973.

On July 1, 1966, David married the love of his life, Belva Ilene Shaw, at First Assembly of God church in Visalia, California. Their loving marriage spanned nearly 60 years.

David proudly served four years in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War era, stationed overseas in Turkey, where he worked in the intelligence field.

His career in public service was distinguished and impactful. David worked as a Probation Officer for Tulare County Probation for over 26 years. He later advanced to Deputy Chief of Probation for Placer County, serving in that role for 5 years. After retiring and moving to Oklahoma, he continued part-time with Oklahoma Court Services for 7 years. Upon returning to California, he proudly volunteered as a member of the Visalia Police Department's Volunteer

in Police Service (VIPS) program.

A devoted man of faith, David was an active and beloved member of Visalia First Assembly of God church before his move to Oklahoma. He spent countless joyful hours operating the sound board for Sunday and Wednesday services, choir practices, musical rehearsals, and the church's beautiful musical productions. Despite his commitments, he never missed life's precious moments with his wife and two sons.

David is survived by his beloved wife, Belva Ilene Peden; his eldest son, David Lyle Peden III and wife Brenda Peden; his youngest son, Geoffrey Alan Peden; and his cherished grandchildren, Taylor Peden, Jenna Peden, Zackary Peden, Elizabeth Peden, and Gavin Vong.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David Lyle Peden Sr. and Lula Mae Peden; his younger brother, Richard Michael Peden ("Mike"); and his baby sister, Christine Sue Cochran. David will be joyfully reunited with them in eternity.

Known affectionately as "Papa" to his grandchildren, David was a devoted husband, loving father, doting grandfather, and true friend to many. He touched countless lives with his kindness, dedication, and warmth, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM Thursday, March 19th, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 12:30 PM Wednesday, March 25th, 2026 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.salseranddillar.com

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Previous Events

Memorial

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

Graveside

MAR 25. 12:30 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of David Lyle Peden, Jr.*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 18 at 03:51 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of David Lyle Peden, Jr.*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 18 at 03:49 PM

DB

“ *Dearest Belva and family, I was sorry to see that David has passed. I remember him (and you) fondly in the years I was serving VFA as Minister of Music. Love you, Belva and pray for your peace as you adjust to this loss. It is only for a time we are separated from our family and friends in death.*

Daniel Burchett - April 12 at 05:59 PM

VD

“ *Visalia Players Board of Directors purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David Lyle Peden, Jr..*



Visalia Players Board of Directors - April 04 at 02:32 PM

MT

“ *David and Belva: what a very special couple!! Always so friendly and inviting. Love them both and was so happy to have them in our lives! David truly WAS a man who had a "quiet strength about him" and had a great personality that made everyone smile! He will be missed by many, including Sean and I.*

Melissa Thomas - March 20 at 12:10 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Lyle Peden, Jr..*

March 19 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lyle Peden, Jr..*



March 19 at 11:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Lyle Peden, Jr..

March 13 at 02:09 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of David Lyle Peden, Jr..



March 13 at 02:09 PM



“ Hello I am Elizabeth Grace Peden, My papa was a brave man and he served his country with all he had. Thank you papa for being my grandfather.



elizabeth Peden - March 13 at 12:12 PM



“ My memory is of David and Belva. Belva and I had volunteered at the library but I hadn't met David until services at the United Methodist Church in Chandler, OK. Belva introduced us and I never saw them alone after that. I learned that when Belva loves her face says it all. David was the same at least as far as Belva was concerned. My heart breaks for her and all that loves him.

Kowanda Stroud - March 11 at 04:41 PM



Thank Kowanda

David Peden III - March 11 at 10:22 PM

DI

My name was supposed to David Peden III

David Peden III - March 11 at 10:23 PM

LP

David Peden was a person who lived his life in service to others. We worked together at the Tulare County Probation Department. I will always remember him for his hard work and dedication to our mission.

Larry R. Price

Larry R Price - March 15 at 05:00 PM

DJ

“ *Belva, I am so sad to read of David's passing, my friend. Sending heartfelt prayers to all.*

Donna S Judd

donna Judd - March 11 at 04:06 PM