



## Donald Lee Strange

August 15, 1947 - March 23, 2026

Donald Lee Strange, better known as DON, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23, 2026, after a long battle with COPD.

Dad was born August 15, 1947, right here in Tulare. He attended Tulare schools, graduating from Tulare Western High School. After high school, dad attended College of the Sequoias for a short time before entering the workforce in search of a career path. He tried his hand at several different fields, including being a chef, working at Pepsi, working in optometry and working in electrical before finding his passion for heavy equipment operation. Dad spent nearly 20 years operating the heavy equipment at the Tulare County Refuse Disposal Site before a disability forced him into retirement.

Dad didn't rest in retirement though. Instead, he ran a ceramic business called Ceramic Heaven for a number of years. When he closed the ceramic business and officially retired, Dad began to fully enjoy life. He spent his time restoring old Cushman scooters alongside his son, riding his Harley with his best friend Mike, traveling with the Visalia Senior Gadabouts and enjoying Friday morning coffee and donuts at Donutlicious.

Dad is preceded in death by his parents, James & Gladys; his twin sister Donna; his brother, Wayne and his daughter, April. He is survived by his son Brandon (Traci); daughter Terri (Dave); grandchildren Katelin, Landon, Emme,

Zack and Christopher, 2 great grandchildren, a niece and a nephew, his lifelong best friend, Mike Stoner; and his dog Roxy.

We are going to miss our nightly dinners, his ornery attitude and his countless stories.

Memorial services will be held 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at Tulare Cemetery, 900 E. Kern Ave., Tulare.

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).

# Previous Events

## Memorial

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Tulare Cemetery  
900 E. Kern Ave.  
Tulare, CA 93274