



Elroy Michael Gruber

September 6, 1930 - August 27, 2016

Our beloved Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa joined his loving wife Dianne in Heaven on August 27, 2016. Elroy Michael Gruber was born September 6, 1930 at home in Hilbert, Wisconsin to John and Cecelia Gruber.

The family moved to Visalia when Elroy was 6 weeks old. During several moves to start new dairies and farms he was raised working the family business and attending George McCann School in Visalia. After his freshman year at Visalia Union High School the family moved to Oregon where Elroy met Dianne.

He married Dianne K. Ward on May 17, 1948 in Bandon, Oregon. After living in Oregon and Santa Monica for a short time they moved the family and settled in Visalia where they raised 4 loving children. Elroy developed a passion for farming at an early age which he passed to his children as they continue his legacy farming on his property. His love for family and farming was felt by all.

Elroy was a member of the Visalia Elks/Vagabonds and enjoyed going on trips with Dianne in their motorhome. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, The Elbow Creek Grange Hall, Moose Lodge and PPAV Hall.

His wife Dianne of almost 60 years preceded him in death, as well as his brothers Wilmer, Leslie and Ronald Gruber, and his sisters Martha Grimes, Germaine Hill and Mildred Roehrig. He is survived by his children Nadine Gilbert (Gene), Theresa Giannandrea (Joe), Thomas Gruber (Dee Dee) and Timothy Gruber (Pam), 9 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, brother

Rueben Gruber and sister Vandalia Maxwell.

Thank you to the many family and friends that offered support during Elroy's time of need, especially to his caregivers Linda Gutierrez and his granddaughter Lindsay.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 4-7 p.m. at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial to follow at Visalia District Cemetery. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Rosary

SEP 6. 6:00 PM (PT)

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127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church- Visalia, CA
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291
<http://tccov.org/st-marys/>

Tribute Wall

DB

“ 1 file added to the album John Gruber family (More)



Debbie Beringer - December 06, 2016 at 10:35 AM

DB

“ 2 files added to the album John Gruber family



Debbie Beringer - December 06, 2016 at 10:24 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Elroy's relatives from Wisconsin



California Notice
the beautiful palm
tree & the stately oak

Debbie Beringer - December 06, 2016 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ I am (trying to) attach a few pictures that I thought you would enjoy. One is of the Gruber Ranch and the other is what he wrote on the back.

Debbie Beringer - December 06, 2016 at 10:00 AM

DB

*“ I never met Elroy, but want to send my condolences. I am so sorry for your loss and will be praying for peace for all of your family. Elroy's mother was my grandmother's sister. My mother knew his family before they moved to Visalia from Wisconsin. I will post a few pictures soon. I live in Visalia and knew that there were relatives here, but didn't know how to find you.
Debbie Beringer*



Debbie Beringer - September 07, 2016 at 10:07 PM

DF

“ Elroy was a great man and an exemplary person! He will truly be missed.

Our condolences, Dennis and Marlene Foster

Dennis Foster - September 06, 2016 at 11:36 PM

DC

“ Father's are very special and we are sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers and we want you to know how much we care. With Our Love and Sympathy, Your Central Valley Almond Association Family.

Diana Clark - September 06, 2016 at 07:21 PM

VB

*“ We value the years we had as friends with Elroy, and being included with the family Holidays as he was our daughter's Father in Law.
Vincent and Clara Baldini*

Vincent and Clara Baldini - September 05, 2016 at 07:39 PM

LS

“ Love from Madera family, Kathy Stapleton-Row purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Elroy Michael Gruber.



Love from Madera family, Kathy Stapleton-Row - September 04, 2016 at 11:24 PM

JL

“ Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our Thought's and Prayer's are with you. Joe and Betty Lea

Joe and Betty Lea - September 03, 2016 at 09:56 PM

HB

“ I haven't seen Elroy in years but I always admired him. Howard Broadman

Howard Broadman - September 03, 2016 at 12:50 PM

JF

“ Nadine, I graduated from Redwood with you. I was drawn to your dad's obituary. My heart goes out to you and your family. In addition to to losing your dad, you have lost your mom and so many other family members. My prayers are with you and your family.

Judy Foster-Reed - September 03, 2016 at 09:05 AM