



Francis John Travers

February 26, 1933 - June 15, 2022

Francis John Travers, musician and farmer, born February 26, 1933 in Watsonville, California, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2022 at the age of 89 in Visalia, CA. He was the son of Frank and Madaline Travers and the youngest of three children. The family had a farm in the foothills of Watsonville, where they grew lettuce and pole beans as well as apples.

Francis attended and graduated from Watsonville High School in June 1952. While in high school, he became quite the musician with a focus on the trombone which he participated in many honor band and honor orchestra festivals. Following graduation, he served with the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Puerto Rico. He proudly continued with his music joining the Air Force band, providing much needed entertainment with their marches and jazz for all to enjoy.

While on leave, he met his future wife, Lucille Brazil, whom he married in November, 1956. He also continued to tend the family farm for several years until the family relocated to Tulare County in 1967. Once a farmer, always a farmer, which means he continued to do so growing cotton, silage and alfalfa just to name a few. He then switched gears and worked for the ag industry in a different way for Pure Gro, Souza Enterprises and Moore Aviation all the while using his expertise and years of experience to assist his customers the best way he could.

Francis enjoyed playing his music so much that he continued to play his trombone and other assorted brass instruments in the Watsonville City Band for several years performing in parades as well as concerts on the beach at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. After a time in Tulare County, he became involved with the P.P.A.V. Hall, he was a proud 4-H and F.F.A. dad, as well as all the shenanigans with the Goshen Mounted Police!

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and their spouses; Alice and Johnny Netto and Genevieve and Dick Young. He is survived by his wife of 65 years Lucille (Brazil) Travers, daughters Pam (Travers) West and son-in-law Andy West and Christine Travers, his two sons Michael Travers and Richard Travers as well as two grandchildren, Wade Travers and Kyleigh Travers along with several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held 4 PM - 6 PM Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Rosary will be held 6 PM - 7 PM Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. Mass will be held 10:30 AM Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at St Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church Street, Visalia. Celebration of Life to follow mass and to be held at the P.P.A.V. Hall, 820 E Main Street, Visalia, Ca 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Services have been entrusted to Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and Condolences....

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 29. 10:30 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
1908 N. Court St.
Visalia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis John Travers*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - June 25, 2022 at 12:53 PM

KE

“ *To Pat, Chris, Pam, Mike and Richard we are so sorry to here of the loss of Francis! He was an amazing man. We understand the pain you're going through. He will be missed. Thank you for sharing the photos of him in the video! Wow what great hair and those dimples! He was a looker! He was always so kind to us and so much fun to be around. He knew how to tease you and make you laugh. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, Sincerely Kelly (Gimm) Epperson and all of the Gimm family*

Kelly Epperson - June 28, 2022 at 10:46 AM

CT

“ *Christine Travers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Francis John Travers.*



Christine Travers - June 27, 2022 at 11:48 PM

JT

“ We have fond memories of Francis drinking coffee at Tony and Eva Soares’ kitchen table, his kind eyes, and his belly laughs. He always knew how to brighten up the room.
-John Tollison and girls

John Tollison - June 27, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Francis John Travers.



June 27, 2022 at 03:08 PM

TF

“ The Freitas Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Francis John Travers.



The Freitas Family - June 23, 2022 at 02:58 PM

WT

“ Francis used to say I was his favorite daughter in law but I was his only daughter in law. I am 1/4 armenian and when our son was born he used to say the 1/8 of armenian was cut off when Wade was circumcised. Francis was the best bartender of old fashions. He was a quiet man didn't like to talk at dinner just wanted to eat. I will always remember him as my 2nd father.
Wendy Rae Travers

Wendy Travers - June 22, 2022 at 02:08 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Francis John Travers.* ”



June 21, 2022 at 09:16 PM