

## Franklin Joseph Cardoza

June 2, 1943 - September 8, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Franklin Joseph Cardoza announce his passing on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at the age of 77 years.

Franklin was born on June 2nd, 1943 in Visalia, CA to Frank V. Cardoza Jr. and Angie P. Cardoza. He was one of three children and the only son. Franklin grew up in Goshen on the family dairy and graduated from Mt. Whitney High School in 1961. Throughout his childhood he worked and helped the family on the farm.

On October 9, 1970 he married his wife, Linda (Martin) Cardoza, and they moved to Visalia. Together they had four children. Throughout his life he was a mechanic and a farmer. After briefly studying auto mechanics at College of the Sequoias he pursued his interest and began working at Louie's Transmission Shop in Visalia. After a few years he went back to farming and took over the Cardoza Family Farm. Later in his career he also enjoyed working at General Mechanical, Western Utilities, and HJ Hay Co.

In addition, he generously gave his time to multiple organizations. He was a Lifetime Member of the Goshen Mounted Police, he was the PPAV Board of Directors President for past Visalia Festa committees, and volunteered his time to the Golden West Band Boosters, helping on the equipment crew.

Throughout his life, Franklin found time to enjoy his other hobbies such as racing, restoring old engines, and collecting antique ♦ conversational pieces' that he enjoyed sharing stories about. Franklin never knew a stranger, whether it was striking up a conversation, or lending a helping hand. He was always willing to help others with their vehicles or any other mechanical fix. He also never missed a chance to dance, either dancing the Jitterbug with his wife, or the Two-step to his favorite country songs.

His children have countless memories of him teaching them how to drive, whether it was on a tractor at the ranch or sitting on his lap behind the wheel. He was always willing to help them with their car repairs, whether they were minutes away or hours away.

Franklin will be lovingly remembered by his children Mary (Kenny) Hildebrand, Franklin (Kara), Deborah, and David (Jessica), by his six grandchildren, Aidan, Anthony, Ava, Hazel, Raquel, and Aliya, and also his sisters and brothers-in-law Laverne & Mike Gates and Phyllis & Larry Cotta. Franklin was preceded in death earlier this year by his wife, Linda Cardoza, with whom he would have celebrated 50 years of marriage in October. Their kids take joy in envisioning them dancing the Jitterbug together again.

A Viewing will be held on Thursday, September 17, from 5-7pm (Rosary @ 6pm) at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia. Funeral Services will be on Friday, September 18, at 9:30am at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, followed by Graveside Services at 10:30am at Visalia Cemetery, 1300 W. Goshen Ave, Visalia. It is suggested that guests bring their own chairs and personal umbrellas to the cemetery services.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Rosary

SEP 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
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Visalia, CA 93277

## Funeral

SEP 18. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

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

## Graveside

SEP 18. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Joseph Cardoza*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - September 18, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Franklin Joseph Cardoza*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - September 18, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MD

“ Dear family, i knew your mom and dad as a young couple attending childbirth classes at Sierra Medial Group ‘back in the day’. I can tell you what a joy it was to have them in class. They were so excited to be having children, and seemed to raise the bar for the whole group in attendance. As the saving goes, they lit up the room: asking questions, befriending other couples in class, and just being themselves—interested, involved, personable!  
To lose both parents in the same year must be hard beyond belief for all of you. I am sure both Your mom and your dad left you beautiful memories and bountiful examples of service and live.  
It was my pleasure to be a part of their lives.  
Most sincerely,  
Michelle Chenal-Ducey

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**Michelle Ducey** - October 04, 2020 at 05:24 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Steve** - September 16, 2020 at 06:20 PM

SN

“ Steven M Nunes purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Franklin Joseph Cardoza.



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**Steven M Nunes** - September 16, 2020 at 06:02 PM

LM

“ I truly appreciated your parents' efforts as Golden West Band Boosters and would like you to know their kindness and beautiful smiles made those long days at band reviews even better! Sending heartfelt condolences to your family, and prayers for God's comfort.  
*Lisa Hansen McEwen (Flute, 1992)*

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**Lisa McEwen** - September 14, 2020 at 06:45 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Bernadine Hake** - September 14, 2020 at 06:17 PM

EF

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**Edward Fraga** - September 14, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Franklin Joseph Cardoza.

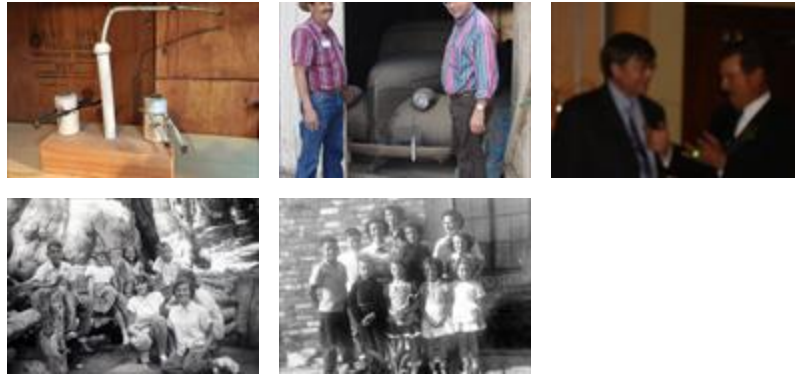


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September 12, 2020 at 04:47 PM

EF

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Edward Fraga - September 12, 2020 at 01:51 PM

RS

“ Tractor pulling buddy, sitting on the front porch with a beer, going to miss you bad. Hug Linda for us, the Miller will be raised tonight for you. Randy and Sara

Randy and Sara - September 11, 2020 at 06:31 PM

BH

“ A remembrances of my Cousin Franklin:  
We first met in the picture below, in our baby strollers. He was only one month older than I. We have been close friends ever since, even though we only saw each other at all types of extended family gatherings. I am especially grateful for his help in finding an Azorean community priest on short notice at the time on my Father's burial. I always remember him as a happy, helpful, and in general wonderful person.



Bernadine Fraga Hake - September 11, 2020 at 01:49 PM