



George Junior Sierdsma

October 19, 1944 - May 16, 2026

George Junior Sierdsma, 81, was born on October 19, 1944, in Artesia, California, to George and Grace Sierdsma. He was the oldest of four children, followed by his sisters Jane Ellen, Anne Beth, and Arlene Wilma. His family was deeply rooted in faith, and his parents were charter members of Chino Valley Reformed Church. George attended Chino High School with the Class of 1963, where he especially enjoyed FFA and shop classes. During his senior year, he made the courageous decision to leave school and enlist in the Air Force, serving his country for four years. His final year of service was spent in Thailand with the Red Horse division, where he learned land leveling and heavy equipment operation. He was honorably discharged on October 3, 1967.

While in high school, George met Brenda Cortez, the love of his life, and they were married on April 5, 1968. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, and hard work. While living in Chino, they attended Chino Valley Reformed Church, and George worked in dairy construction. During those years, they welcomed three sons into their family: Eric George, Mark Adrian, and Adam Richard. In 1976, the family moved to Tulare, California, where they joined Tulare Community Church. Soon after, their fourth son, Ryan Daniel, was born. George was so proud to be the father of four sons. He joyfully welcomed each of his daughters-in-law into the family and later became equally proud of each of his grandchildren. At Tulare Community

Church, he served as a Deacon for a time and also helped with Boys' Brigade, especially enjoying helping the boys build Pinewood Derby cars.

After settling in Tulare, George worked in land leveling for a year before beginning a career driving and delivering concrete, a job he truly loved for nearly 28 years. He was known for his strong work ethic, his willingness to teach, and the pride he took in doing every job well. George trained many new drivers, and they often spoke highly of him as a patient and gifted teacher. He took special satisfaction in pointing out the many buildings and places where he had delivered the very first load of concrete, quietly leaving his mark on the community he called home.

Over the years, George faced many health challenges and underwent multiple surgeries, which led to an earlier retirement than he would have chosen. Even so, one blessing that came during that season was the opportunity to join a weekly men's Bible Study. Later the group began gathering at George's home every Thursday at noon enjoying lunch together, fellowship, listening to and discussing sermons, and spending time in prayer. As George's health and mobility challenges made it harder for him to attend church, those Thursday meetings became a special source of joy, encouragement, and fellowship. The men in that group became dear friends whose faithful support and lasting friendship meant so much to him. It was with great sadness when George's illness no longer allowed these meetings at his home.

George and Brenda are deeply grateful for the many faithful friends and family members who called, visited, and surrounded them with love. They are especially thankful for his caregivers, Dawn Delgado and Austin Bates from Veterans Affairs, as well as April and the nurses from Hospice. Each one cared for George with kindness, dignity, and compassion, and they were a true blessing during a difficult season.

Even as his physical challenges became greater, George did not complain,

get angry, or grow bitter. He continued to greet others with a smile and remained thankful for the blessings in his life. Though he was not a man of many words, the way he endured hardship with quiet strength, steadfast faith, and a positive spirit spoke powerfully to those around him. His life was a testimony, and his actions often said far more than words ever could.

George passed at home peacefully with Brenda by his side on May 16, 2026. George was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Arlene and Jane. He is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife, Brenda; his sons, Eric and Kasey, with grandchildren Allie and Hannah; Mark and Shelly, with grandchildren Owen and Sophie; Adam and Maggie, with grandchildren Riya (Charlotte), Zachary, and Elliott; and Ryan and Diana, with grandson Tiger, and his sister, Anne.

We praise the Lord as George could now walk those golden stairs into the welcoming arms of Jesus, his Savior.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to TCC's Reaching Higher Program, or to the donor's choice of any Military connected organization.

Visitation will be held 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 at Tulare Community Church, 1820 North Gem St., Tulare. Graveside services will be held 10:00 AM Thursday, May 28th, 2026 at North Tulare Public Cemetery, 4572 North J. St., Tulare. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 AM Thursday, May 28th, 2026 at Tulare Community Church.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Tulare Community Church
1820 North Gem St.
Tulare, CA 93274

Graveside

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

North Tulare Public Cemetery
4572 J St
Tulare, CA 93274

Funeral

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Tulare Community Church
1820 North Gem St.
Tulare, CA 93274