



James William Rowley

August 18, 1948 - May 27, 2019

Bill Rowley, 70, born on August 18, 1948 and died on May 27, 2019 with his family by his side.

Bill (Dad) was born and raised in Visalia and was known to have "cows in his blood". Having been raised on dairy farm, he knew at the age of 15 it was his calling. He married his high school sweetheart, best friend, and life partner, Vicki Stubblefield in 1968. For 50 years they grew family and business side-by-side.

He has two children: Leslie Gardner (Steven) and Mike Rowley (fiancée Tricia Leeper). The light of his life was his grandkids. Four boys in total: Justin and Jordan Dunn and Derk and Cort Rowley. You could find our dad at every baseball game, football game, and fair they took part in. He was their biggest fan and could not have been prouder of each of them.

Our dad instilled a hard work ethic in our family with 10- to 15-hour work days being his normal. Whether it was on the dairy milking cows or goats, or contracting and selling hay, his office light was always on.

For 25 years every Wednesday morning at 4:30 a.m., he could be found setting up for Visalia Ministries Bible and Breakfast. Throughout his life, he served as a 4-H Dairy Leader, sat on numerous dairy industry boards, the Visalia Community Hospital board, hosted Blind Babies Foundation events

and attended every activity his kids and grandkids were a part of.

As we celebrate his life, our dad had three loves: God, family and cows. He treasured the special bond with our mother, his grandsons, and his friends. He graduated from Fresno State University with a degree in Dairy Science, and his passion for cows could be seen everywhere 💎 on his office walls, his phone screen saver and in most conversations. He believed there were few better things than seeing a good cow come through the barn or the show ring.

He lived his life with faith and integrity. He will be remembered as a kind human, a true friend, a husband, a father, Papa and a loud talker. He is preceded in death by his father, Jim Rowley and his mother, Virginia Rowley-McDonald. He is survived by his three brothers Don (Linda) Rowley, Ken (Kathy) Rowley and Jim Wynalda.

The world, without a doubt, is a better place because he was in it. To celebrate his life, we ask you to join us on Monday, June 3 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Chapel, 11720 Ave. 264, Visalia. In lieu of flowers, your presence means everything. Condolences can be made to www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Calvary Chapel Visalia
11720 Ave. 264
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Ilah Anderson lit a candle in memory of James Rowley*



Ilah Anderson - February 21, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I attended school at Ivanhoe elementary and Redwood High School with Bill. I remember Bill's 1955 Chevy. It was as cool and classy as Bill.*

John (Dickie) McNair - June 03, 2019 at 11:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James William Rowley.*



June 03, 2019 at 10:21 AM

DG

“ Vicki,

*Please know Todd and I are heartbroken about Bill's passing. We have been so blessed to have known you and your husband, Bill. Your marriage was a testimony in itself, filled with laughter, with maybe a few squabbles here and there, but then followed up with more laughter:-) We loved the years of working with you both at the car show and enjoyed watching the dedication you two had to each other as well as to serving the Lord. May the Lord bless you through this time in your life and know you are loved and in our prayers.
Much Love,
Danielle and Todd Girus*

Danielle Girus - June 03, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James William Rowley.*



June 01, 2019 at 10:52 AM

BA

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Bill's family. I will always remember him for his kindness and willingness to help anyone. RIP my friend.*

Bill and Rose Marie Avila - June 01, 2019 at 10:32 AM

LP

“ Remember the time we had a cow having trouble birthing calf.
Called
Bill just for advice, him & Vickie were there in no time, worked for
two hours helping, didn't have to but that's the kind of friend he was.
Will miss his smile & laugh. So Bill make us a reservation for lunch,
because when our time comes we want to sit at your table in God's
Kingdom.

Sincerely,

Your friends
Walter & Linda Porter & family

Linda Porter - May 31, 2019 at 12:14 PM

SW

“ I will miss quite a few things about Bill. I will miss laughing with him
as we argued over who's numbers were right, I will miss our
conversations about God and how He works in our lives. I will miss
hearing him talk about his family. He loved you all beyond measure
and he was so proud of all of you. I will miss the entertainment of
listening to him and Vicki "discuss" some issue then laugh with them
after. Bill is one of the most ethical and moral people I have ever
known. I am a better person for knowing him and so very grateful to
have had him in my life.

With much love...Stacey Walter

Stacey Walter - May 30, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of James William Rowley.*



May 30, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James William Rowley.*



May 29, 2019 at 06:08 PM