



## Larry James Guinn

October 1, 1946 - January 8, 2024

Larry James Guinn

Visalia, California: The Life of Larry James Guinn is being celebrated.

Larry, age 77, was embraced by his savior on January 8, 2023 in the comfort of his home and surrounded by family. Born October 1, 1946 at his family's home in Visalia, California and raised by his uncle, Louis Guinn and his grandmother, Alta Mae Guinn. Raised on a hobby farm, he learned to love livestock and agriculture and was instilled with a strong work ethic. Larry was involved in 4H at an early age and FFA. Larry attended Redwood High School where he continued as an FFA leader and a standout in track and field at both the local and state level that is memorialized on the Redwood High School Blanket. Larry attended College of the Sequoias and continued to set school records in track and field.

In 1965, Larry married his best friend, Norma. He was drafted into the Army and was deployed to serve in Vietnam. While serving, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Upon his return to the United States, Larry embarked on a successful career with the Laborers International Union where he served as vice president. He was also president and a business manager for Local 294 in Visalia and Fresno. Larry's job of collective bargaining brought him satisfaction for membership benefits.

Larry loved agriculture, hot-rods, blues music and black-smithing. He loved his daughters, son-in-laws and grandchildren. Larry was a devoted worshiper at Visalia First. He loved Pastor Mike and rarely missed a Sunday service.

Larry is survived by his wife, Norma of 57 years, his daughters, Tammy Dechfield (Chuck), Michelle Simoes (Joe), Jeanna Hardesty (Jon) and Annie Manuele (Joe). His grandchildren, Sam Simoes (Brogan), Audrey Hardesty, Benjamin Hardesty, Isabella Hackett (Matthew) and Joe Manuele. He is also survived by his sister in law Kathy and his sister Ellen Stafford. A special mention for friends, Norman Keeton, Nathan Cummings and George Grist. Larry' precedes his brother, Tom in death.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Veterans Memorial Building at 609 W. Center Ave., Visalia, Ca. 93291.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Veterans Memorial Building  
609 W. Center Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I have such fond memories of Uncle Larry. He had a great sense of humor and relaxed way about him. I hope you can find peace in his passing and know that he's in a better place. Love you all so much!* ”

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**Lauren Stuart** - February 11, 2024 at 02:55 PM

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“ *Hi Norma and family;  
I was a cousin of Larry. I was 16 (1959) the last time I was around Larry, I've always had great memories of Larry, Tommy and Ellen.  
David Stroup, Sapulpa, OK.* ”

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**David Stroup** - January 22, 2024 at 11:47 AM