



## Louie Paul Lombardi

October 22, 1945 - August 6, 2024

Louie Paul Lombardi was born to Louie & Maria Lombardi on October 22, 1945, in Visalia, California. Louie spent his early childhood years with his siblings as they worked on the family farms. Upon the unexpected loss of his dad and graduating High School, he enlisted in the US Army. He was deployed to Germany where he survived being ran over by a "half-track" personnel carrier. After fulfilling his military enlistment, he returned to Visalia and began working with his brother-in-law on a cattle ranch. He ventured into other jobs as an equipment operator, truck driver, paving contractor and construction supervisor. His most remarkable career was with CDCR where he worked 28 years before retiring.

Everyone knew him for his strong work ethics and his full lengthy beard. During his retirement, his work ethic continued as he went back to work for another company as equipment operator & truck driver. He eventually fully retired and spent time with family.

Louie passed away on, August 6, 2024, after years of battling dementia. Louie was preceded in death by his parents Louie & Maria Lombardi; Sister Mary Bunker; Sister Carol Denny. Louie is survived by his Wife, Diana Lombardi, Brother, Joe Lombardi & Wife Barbara; Sister, Patricia Arenz & Husband Bob; Son, Louie "Butch" Lombardi; Stepson, Paul Marquez & Wife Debbie; Stepson, Peter Marquez & Wife Patty; Grandson Louie "Cody" Lombardi & Wife Amber; Great Grandson, Louie "Axel" Lombardi; Great Granddaughter,

Libby "Libby Lou" Lombardi; Several Step Grandkids, Nieces, Great Nieces, Nephews, Great Nephews and extended family.

Louie will be missed by several as he touched the hearts of so many people. Please bring your most joyful memories with you as we celebrate Louie. A life lived so happily deserves a happy remembrance. Come be a part of the celebration after the services are concluded. In lieu of flowers, please bring your favorite side dish or finger foods and we will be providing a main dish. Together, we can share our memories while having a nice meal celebrating Louie.

Services will be Held on Friday August 23, 2024

Please join us afterwards to Celebrate memories at Louie's Celebration of Life.

Rosary will be held 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Friday, August 23rd, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Friday, August 23rd, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Celebration of Life will be held at Exeter Eagle's Lodge, 555 W. Visalia Rd., Exeter, CA 93221.

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

## Rosary

AUG **23**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (PT)

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

## Graveside

AUG **23**. 10:00 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 Louie Paul Lombardi*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - August 21, 2024 at 04:55 PM

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*Beautiful slide show RIP Louie 🙏🙏*

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**chantel** - August 23, 2024 at 05:43 AM

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“ LOUIE PAUL LOMBARDI

*Born in the warmth of Visalia's sun,  
A life of work and duty begun.  
Louie Paul Lombardi, a name to recall,  
A man who stood tall through it all.*

*From childhood days on the family farm,  
To serving his country with strength and calm.  
A soldier in Germany, he faced his test,  
Surviving a trial, he was truly blessed.*

*Returning home to familiar lands,  
He toiled with heart, with skilled, steady hands.  
From cattle ranches to roads he paved,  
In every role, his spirit engraved.*

*Twenty-eight years with CDCR he gave,  
Known for his work ethic, steadfast and brave.  
A man with a beard that time couldn't tame,  
In every task, he built his name.*

*In retirement, he still carried the load,  
Driving trucks, moving earth, down every road.  
But as the years passed, the fight became tough,  
Battling dementia, his will was enough.*

*Louie leaves behind a legacy dear,  
A family strong, who'll always keep near.  
The memories of a man so kind,  
In every heart, his love they'll find.*

*Survived by those who loved him most,  
A family that will forever boast,  
Of a husband, father, grandfather too,  
Whose life's work was honest and true.*

*As we gather to celebrate and remember,  
Let joy and laughter be our ember.  
For Louie lived a life so bright,  
He deserves a remembrance filled with light.*

*Though he's gone, his spirit remains,  
In the fields, the roads, the summer rains.  
In every joyful memory shared,  
Louie's love will keep us all prepared.*

*So bring your stories, your smiles, your cheer,  
For Louie Paul Lombardi, let's hold dear.  
A life lived well, a life so grand,  
A man who's now in God's gentle hand.*

*Prepared by Mark Waldrop*

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**Louie Lombardi Jr** - August 14, 2024 at 12:16 PM