



Louis "Louie" Montion

July 11, 1943 - April 13, 2021

Louis "Louie" Montion, Jr. of Visalia, California entered eternal peace on April 13, 2021 at the age of 77. His wife and three children were at his side.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Teresa "Teddy" Montion and his children Richard (fiance Linda), Steve (Tammie), and Christina Montion-Stolle (Justin). He was blessed with seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his mother Ruth Montion, sisters Mickey Casarez (Joe), Mary Ontiveros (Frank), Erma Okino (Mark), and brother Gilbert Montion (Claudia). He is preceded in death by his father Louis Sr. and brother Robert.

Louie was born in Superior, Arizona on July 11, 1943. As a proud Visalian he attended Catholic elementary school, Green Acres Jr. High and was Senior Class President of his beloved Redwood High School, followed by study at College of the Sequoias.

He served his country honorably in the United States Air Force from 1962-1966. He was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico when he met Teddy in nearby Alamogordo. Teddy saw Louie at church and knew he would be the love of her life. They were married seven months later on June 5, 1965.

Back in Visalia he began a career at Electronic Business Services, a part of The Credit Bureau of Tulare County, for which he eventually served as General Manager and CEO. He remained in the industry for 45 years.

He loved his community and gave back to it in many ways. He was a graduate of Leadership Visalia and served on the Visalia Citizens Advisory Committee as well as the California Futures Institute. He was appointed and later elected to the Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees where he twice served as Board President.

He was one of the founders of the Tulare/Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Visalia Latino Rotary. He was invited to the White House on two separate occasions and in 1995 had a personal meeting with President Bill Clinton. He was honored to be recognized as part of the PTA Hall of Fame, Hispanic Educator of the Year, and Tulare/Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year.

He was a people person who loved socializing. In retirement, he fulfilled this need to connect and care for others in his role at Salser and Dillard Funeral Home for five years until 2020.

A highlight of his life was the time he spent coaching youth sports in Visalia including Little League Baseball for 13 years, his daughter's youth basketball team, and Pop Warner football. Later, alongside his sons, he coached Visalia Youth Football while his grandsons were on the team roster.

He loved his family above all else and cherished precious breakfasts at his mother Ruth's house. He had an infectious laugh and was often called a big kid at heart. He loved the Los Angeles Dodgers, Lakers, and Rams. He was a huge fan of movies and television. He loved The Godfather, Rocky, all manner of Westerns, and you could hear him laughing down the street if he was

watching Curb Your Enthusiasm.

He loved keeping up with and talking politics and cared deeply about social injustices, poverty, helping children, and equality for all.

In lieu of flowers please feel free to contribute to "Coach Louie Montion's Youth Sports Scholarship" to assist local athletes in need with registration fees and equipment at gofundme.com/f/coachLouieMontion <<http://gofundme.com/f/coachLouieMontion>>

A Rosary will be held at 10AM Friday, April 30 followed by a Memorial Mass at 10:30AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Visalia (608 N. Church St.)

A Celebration of Life will take place following Mass at PPAV Hall (820 E. Main St.)

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 30. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Visalia, CA
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Memorial Mass

APR 30. 10:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

DN

“ My condolences to you Richard, your mom and your family. I have such fond memories of us all growing up and our family gatherings/get together with your dad...he was a great man. Much love and prayers for you all.

Debbie Matta Nelsen

Debbie Matta Nelsen - April 30, 2021 at 12:02 PM

DN

“ Debbie Matta Nelsen lit a candle in memory of Louis "Louie" Montion



Debbie Matta Nelsen - April 30, 2021 at 11:57 AM

VC

“ Louie and I attended Holy Family Elementary Catholic School and later Redwood High School. A memory that has stayed with me all these years is going to "The Spot" at Louie's urging, he was crazy about Elvis Presley and he would talk me into walking all the way there to hear Elvis on the 45 records.

Louie was good man, proud of his heritage and doing things for the Visalia Community, especially when it involved working with the young people. He is missed. Our deepest sympathy to his wife and family, we will see him on the other side.

Vicente and Frances Calderon

Vicente H Calderon - April 27, 2021 at 05:50 PM

HF

“ *Louie was a wonderful person, son, brother, husband, father and friend and he will be missed by so many people. We are thinking of and praying for Teddy and the rest of the family at this difficult time and know they'll all be united, once again. Harry and Walline Foster*

Harry L Foster - April 24, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *My condolences Richard in the passing of your father. Prayers for your family.*
Nancy Allain

Nancy Allain Ofs - April 24, 2021 at 08:22 AM

KM

“ *I met Louis when was working at S &D. We shared many stories - some true and some spun yarn but never are nicer man will I meet I am honored to have known Louis*
Km

km - April 24, 2021 at 12:26 AM

SM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Steve Montion - April 21, 2021 at 09:36 PM

SM

Dad my heart is so broken. The world will never be the same. If only I could hug you one more time. I love you dad

steve montion - April 22, 2021 at 03:34 PM

MS

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers for all of the Montion family . I will always remember the childhood friend from long ago. Rest in peace dear friend.*

Mary Speake - April 20, 2021 at 07:53 PM

MS

“ *Mary Speake lit a candle in memory of Louis "Louie" Montion*



Mary Speake - April 20, 2021 at 07:23 PM

SG

“ *Soledad Guzmán lit a candle in memory of Louis "Louie" Montion*



Soledad Guzmán - April 19, 2021 at 10:33 PM

BH

“ *Louie always had a beautifull smile and a happy greeting every time I seen him. When he dropped off teddy at our meetings. When I attended a funeral he was there with kind words. God bless u.*

Beatriz Herrera - April 19, 2021 at 07:55 PM