



Ralph David Smith

September 1, 1948 - March 22, 2025

R. David Smith, age 76, of Visalia, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2025. David was born on September 1, 1948, a son of the late Alonzo and Othella Smith.

David is preceded in death by his two brothers, Elza Smith and Lee Roy Smith.

David attended Gateway church of Visalia and was a member of the Elks Lodge. He served Visalia Unified School District for 37 years as a school bus driver and Transportation Supervisor. David enjoyed time with his family.

David's memory lives on with his loving wife Deborah Smith of 51 years; three daughters, Diana Threadgill, Dawna Noriega, and Dori Bingaman; three sons-in-law, John Threadgill Jr., Lee Noriega, and Sam Bingaman; eight grandchildren, Ashlee Sanchez, Kaitlyn Rios, Emily Doering, Hannah Smith, John Threadgill III, Joel Bingaman, Carter Bingaman and Autumn Bingaman; and five great grandchildren, Nathaniel Wilson, Wyatt Sanchez, Hudsyn Sanchez, Remington Sanchez, and Leighton Sanchez.

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived for all family and friends of David will be held at 12:00p.m. Saturday April 12th at the Elks Lodge in Visalia, Ca.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Elk's Lodge #1298
3100 W Main St
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph David Smith.*



April 07, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ *Ralph was a very kind person and I enjoyed talking to him. My condolences to his family I'm so sad for his passing.. God Bless You*

Vicky Anaya - April 01, 2025 at 09:42 PM



Friends and family are invited to the Celebration of Life on Saturday the 12th. The graveside will only be immediate family.

Diana Threadgill - April 02, 2025 at 10:26 PM



I always enjoyed talking with David; he always had a smile on his face and spoke in a soft voice. He will be surly missed. Love goes to the family.

Doris - April 11, 2025 at 06:47 PM