



## Ricardo Rios Balderas

February 14, 1955 - June 22, 2022

Ricardo R. Balderas was born on February 14, 1955, in Eagle Pass Texas to Nicolas and Natalia Balderas. His family moved to Visalia in 1967.

Ricardo attended schools in Visalia, graduating from Redwood High School and Fresno State University.

On December 29, 1973, Ricardo married Fe Esperanza Arevalo & together they had 3 beautiful children.

Ricardo started his law enforcement career with the Farmersville Police Department. He then continued to the California Highway Patrol; Baldwin Park Division, out of Los Angeles CA. He was later assigned to the Porterville CHP office, where he worked till his retirement.

Ricardo was living in Visalia and visiting his son Jr. in Arroyo Grande, quite often. It was there where he spent his last days at the time of his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his youngest brother Eddie Balderas and his nephew Albert {Bubbas} Balderas.

Ricardo is survived by his children, Rick Balderas Jr; Arroyo Grande, Andrew Manuel Nicolas Balderas & Wife Silvia Balderas; Visalia, Natalia DeLeon & Husband Frank DeLeon; Porterville.

His siblings: Albert (Yolanda) Balderas; Visalia, Bertha (Joe) Juarez; Visalia, Maria (Ruben) Rios; Santa Maria and Dora Serrano; Visalia.

Ricardo's Grandchildren held a very special place in his heart. His grandchildren always managed to get their way with him. Somehow "Sheleste" was able to dig deepest and get him to do things others couldn't.

Grandchildren: Samantha, Daniel, Ricky, Aubrey, Kennedy, Carlos, Sapphire, Sheleste, Ray Daniel, Jovina, Issac, Skye, Star, Leah and Liam. Great grandchildren: "Pancho", Josiah, Samantha, Giovanni, Aria, Leonidas, Everly and one on the way.

Ricardo loved visiting his son Jr. at the coast and watching the sunrise at the beach.

Ricardo had a passion for guns, trading cards and Hot Wheels. On Saturday and Sundays, you could find him at the swap meet Wheeling and Dealing with his cards and Hot Wheels. He also loved to go out and eat and experience new foods, especially his sweets!

He was so proud of his family, they were his Greatest Love.

He enjoyed getting together with his brother and sisters whenever possible.

Ricardo will be missed by his family, his many nephews and nieces and his countless friends. He had one friend that he loved like a brother, a friendship that lasted over 40 years, Joe Ontiveros. Friends till the end. He Will Always Be in Our Hearts!

Viewing will be held 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Monday, July 11th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Prayer Service will be held 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Monday, July 11th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel.

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

## Prayer Service

JUL 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Ricardo Rios Balderas*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - July 11, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Ricardo Rios Balderas*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - July 09, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ricardo Rios Balderas.*



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July 10, 2022 at 12:12 AM

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“ You will be missed.



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**Maria Rios** - July 09, 2022 at 08:41 PM

MR

“ We will miss you.



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**Maria Rios** - July 09, 2022 at 04:13 PM

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“ My condolences to all his family.  
May Ricardo rest in eternal peace 🙏📄



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**Soledad Guzmán** - July 09, 2022 at 09:28 AM