



Richard Earl Dawson

March 24, 1940 - September 15, 2023

Richard (Dick) Earl Dawson passed away Friday, September 15, 2023 at his home in Visalia. He was 83 years old. Richard was born in Elkhurst, West Virginia on March 24, 1940, to Dove and Dolph Dawson. He was the second of five kids.

He joined the Army when he was seventeen. He was stationed in Fort Huachuca, Arizona by a little town called Sierra Vista. When he got out of the Army, he went to work at a service station. After a year, he and a buddy decided to drive to the World's Fair in Seattle, WA. They made it to Northern California and ran out of money. Dick happened to have an Army buddy that lived in Visalia named Al Foster. He called him and asked if he could stay with him until he could get a job. He got a job at Rich Bros. Lumber Co. the next day, He worked there for ten years then he decided to go into business for himself as a finish carpenter.

He met his wife, Carol and her two little girls, Sherrie and Connie through mutual friends. He fell in love with all of them and a year and a half later, they were married on her birthday on July 11, 1965. The next year they had a son, Richard Steven Dawson.

Dick was preceded in passing by his parents: Dove and Dolph, his sister June Briton and his daughter Connie McCarthy. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol, daughter, Sherrie (Rick) Bradfield and son, Steve. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren, Aubree (Mike) Short, Michele (Dennis) Hulseley, Andrea (Jason) Dixon, Michael (Chelsea) McCarthy, Tyler (Courtney)

McCarthy and Ginni (Nathen) Skinner and 9 great grandkids. He also leaves behind his three siblings: Ralph (Loretta) Dawson of West Virginia, Janet Voss of Corona, CA and Lynn (Marie) Dawson of Texas and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

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

Previous Events

Memorial

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Earl Dawson*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 16, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Richard Earl Dawson*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 16, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *My big brother Richard and my other big brother Ralph, when we were kids, built me a bicycle out of old bike parts. Only problem is it had no brakes so I had to run up the bank to stop. Also when I got married in Los Angeles my Dad couldn't come so Richard and Carol came and Richard walked me down the aisle and gave me away. I will miss his yearly call on my birthday. He always sang Happy Birthday to me.*

Janet Voss - November 18, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Earl Dawson.



November 18, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ Janet S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Earl Dawson.

Janet S. - November 18, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ Ralph and Loretta Dawson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Earl Dawson.

Ralph and Loretta Dawson - November 18, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ Ralph and Loretta Dawson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Earl Dawson.



Ralph and Loretta Dawson - November 18, 2023 at 04:17 PM

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“ Love your Exeter Golf Course Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Earl Dawson.

Love your Exeter Golf Course Family - November 16, 2023 at 12:54 PM

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“ Love your Exeter Golf Course Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Earl Dawson.



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