



Richard Michael Hernandez

December 11, 1962 - November 25, 2025

Richard "Rick" Michael Hernandez, 62, of Visalia, California, passed away unexpectedly on November 25, 2025. He was born on December 11, 1962, in Visalia to Richard Benjamin Hernandez and Mary Ellen Hernandez (Marquez).

Rick is survived by his parents; his sister, Katherine Vela and brother-in-law, Dagoberto Vela; his daughters, Haylee Hernandez and Rina Hernandez; and his nephews, Jacob Vela, Joel Vela, and Kaiden Hernandez. He is preceded in death by his brother, Edward Hernandez.

A lifelong resident of Visalia, Rick attended Crowley Elementary, Valley Oak Middle School, and graduated from Mt. Whitney High School in 1980.

After high school, Rick began his career as a drywaller, eventually earning the title of Journeyman. He spent years working with Gonzalez Painting before transitioning into the pool service industry with American Pool Care. After mastering the trade, he proudly opened his own company, Everclear Pool Care.

Never one to stop learning or striving for more, Rick later earned his Real Estate License. He began with The Real Estate Connection, where he was honored as Rookie of the Year his first year and Top Producer the next. His dedication to professional growth continued throughout his career, including

his work in the development of Walnut Estates. Most recently, he was a valued agent at True North Realty.

Rick was an active member of TCAOR, FCAOR, a Realtor.com associate, a supporter of Valley Children's fundraising efforts, a Toastmaster, and a servant to his community through the Visalia NorthSide Committee. His heart for service was evident in the countless holidays and events he spent volunteering at the Visalia Rescue Mission and local churches.

Above all, Rick's greatest pride and joy were his daughters, Haylee and Rina. He loved sharing their accomplishments-and of course, proudly showing off their photos to anyone who would listen.

Rick cherished being surrounded by family, especially during the frequent gatherings that brought everyone together. He was an avid hunter, faithfully attending the opening of deer season and never missing the annual Buck Rock camping trip each September with family and friends.

Rick had a gift for bringing laughter, lifting spirits, and leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met. He will be deeply missed by many. He would want those who loved him to hold onto the memories shared with him-and to smile.

Rosary will be held 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sunday, December 14th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Monday, December 15th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held 1:00 PM Monday, December 15th, 2025 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen 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

Rosary

DEC **14.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral

DEC **15.** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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

Graveside

DEC **15.** 1:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Richard Michael Hernandez*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 11, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Michael Hernandez*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Little house planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Michael Hernandez.*

Little house - December 14, 2025 at 01:58 AM

LH

“ Little house purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Michael Hernandez.



Little house - December 14, 2025 at 01:58 AM

SK

“ Rick was a part of our family for the last 40 years. He was my youngest son's Godfather. Rick didn't "laugh" he chuckled. My boys, nieces and nephew nicknamed him "Uncle Chuckles". We're going to miss you Ricky Ricky. RIP dear friend ❤️

The Clements, Kurtz and Van Allen Families

Shellee Kurtz - December 10, 2025 at 11:25 AM

HF

“ Hernandez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Michael Hernandez.

Hernandez Family - December 10, 2025 at 12:44 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Michael Hernandez.



December 10, 2025 at 12:44 AM

KC

“Buck rock will never be the same without you Greenhorn. Me, Stubby and Chico will hold it down for you my brotha. I was trying to mimic your laugh for Darcy the other day when we were Reminiscing but your laugh was yours alone I'll miss it my brotha. Give Edmundo and brohead a big hug for me. I'll see you again my boy RIP Chocolate Thunder ❤️🙏❤️



Kifer Casarez - December 09, 2025 at 08:16 PM