Richard Allen Morse

January 8, 1940 - January 22, 2026

Richard Allen Morse, a loving father, devoted family man, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2026, at the age of 86.

Born on January 8, 1940, in Williams, Arizona, to Everette and Viva Morse, Richard moved with his family to Delano, California, before finally settling in Hanford, California, which he called home for many years.

True to his adventurous spirit, Richard joined the United States Navy at 17 with his father's permission he proudly served his country. Following his service, he worked for several years in the oil fields including working on the Alaska pipeline. He then embraced a life on the road, working for many years as a dedicated long-haul truck driver. Above all, Richard was a cowboy through and through; he held a deep love for horses, the western lifestyle, and the freedom of the open range.

He was married to Patricia (Nichols) Morse, with whom he had two daughters, Pamela Jean Morse (who preceded him in death) and Debora Kaye Morse. Later in life, Richard married Florence (Marlaina) Lewis of Arizona, and they shared 36 years of marriage.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Everette Sr. and Viva (Burge) Morse; his sisters, Gladys McDaniel (Wade), Violet Nickell (Nolan), and

Barbara Glenn (George); and his brothers, Everett Jr. Morse, Bob Morse, and David Morse (Kay of Hanford).

He is survived by his wife, Marlaina; daughter, Debbie Robinson; two grandchildren, Henry Allen Ralston (Corey) and Kelly R. Gonzales; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor Gonzales, Tanner Gonzales, and Ashleigh Gonzales; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Throughout his life, Richard carried the values of hard work, kindness, and dedication to family. He will be remembered most for his loving heart, steady presence, and the deep care he showed to those around him. He took great pride in being a father and was a constant source of strength, guidance, and support to his family. His wisdom, humor, and stories will be treasured and passed down through generations.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held on March 21st at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, located at 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia, CA 93277.

The family asks that those who wish to honor him please do so by spending time with loved ones and sharing kindness with others, just as Richard always did.

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

MAR **21**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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

Reception

MAR **21**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Life Event Center
135 E Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Allen Morse

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 19 at 01:07 PM

Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Allen Morse.

March 11 at 06:22 PM

A Memorial Tree was planted in honor of Richard Allen Morse.

March 11 at 06:22 PM

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Uncle Richard (Pa) was a very special uncle to all of us kids. He told all of us I Love You For Ever And A Day. My grandson Noah liked to listen to his stories he would pay close attention and ask questions. Being with Uncle Richard was a very fun crazy adventure weather driving to or from Arizona with him or just driving to the VA in Fresno or Visalia. My daughter Hayley has a couple of videos her and kelly made when bringing Uncle to California they will make you hurt laughing. Am going to miss him very much I grow up with Uncle Richard like he was my second dad. Helping take care of him in these last several months was something am not going to forget. I never knew what he was going to say. Like I went to wake him up and he said are you going to call the preacher and I said do you want me to call the preacher, he said no not yet. I am going to miss him very much. I love you Uncle.

Sherry Lynn Morse Quesada - February 15 at 01:00 PM