



Richard Kenneth Oppedyk

January 8, 1977 - June 7, 2026

Richard Oppedyk, age 49, of Corcoran, California, passed away suddenly on June 7, 2026. He was born on January 8, 1977, in Visalia, California, to Pete and Betty Oppedyk.

Richard was raised in Tulare County and graduated from Tulare Union High School before continuing his education at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. While attending Cal Poly, he met the love of his life, Sonya Hoff. The two were married in 2000 and built a beautiful life together over the next 25 years.

Growing up, Richard worked alongside his family on their dairy, developing a passion for the dairy industry that would shape his life's work. He fulfilled his dream of owning and operating his own dairy, dedicating himself wholeheartedly to the profession he loved. Through both prosperous and challenging times, Richard successfully managed his dairy with determination, integrity, and resilience. In addition to his own operation, he managed a neighboring dairy and partnered in heifer-raising and farming ventures, earning the respect of those who worked alongside him.

Richard and Sonya were blessed with two children, Jon, born in 2005, and Lonneke, born in 2007. Nothing brought Richard more pride than his family. He especially enjoyed supporting his children as they showed cattle through

4-H, spending countless hours encouraging and cheering them on. Outside of work, Richard enjoyed restoring his classic GMC Jimmy and took great pride in preserving and improving it.

Known for his strong work ethic, generous spirit, and unwavering devotion to family, Richard will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, and friend whose presence touched many lives.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sonya Oppedyk; his son, Jon Oppedyk; his daughter, Lonneke Oppedyk; his siblings, Kathie Wallen (Mike), David Oppedyk (Tracy), and Christie Zysling (Gary); his sister-in-law, Johnna Hoff Connely (John); his brother-in-law, Jonathan Hoff (Jeanna); and his mother-in-law, Lennie Hoff, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Betty Oppedyk, and his brother, Kenneth Oppedyk.

Richard's legacy of hard work, dedication, and love for his family will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hearts of Harvest Foundation.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, June 17th, 2026 at Tulare Community Church, 1820 North Gem St., Tulare.

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

Upcoming Events

Funeral

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

Tulare Community Church
1820 North Gem St.
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Kenneth Oppedyk.* ”



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