



Richard Tyler Rodriguez

August 7, 1991 - March 10, 2026

Richard Tyler Rodriguez, lovingly known as "Richie" passed away on March 10, 2026, in Hanford, California, at the age of 34.

Richie was born in Stockton, California, and spent his life surrounded by family who loved him deeply. He is survived by his mother, Deanna Medina; his father, Richard Rodriguez; his stepmother, Paula Rodriguez; his sisters, Brianna Rodriguez and Brittany Rodriguez; his step-siblings, Erika Aguillon and Edward Aguillon; and his beloved nieces and nephew, Rayleen Torres, Ethan Torres, and Jasmine Aguillon. He was cherished by many extended family members and dear friends whose lives were touched by his presence.

Richie had a tender, gentle soul and a heart that remained beautifully childlike. He found joy in the simple things-whether it was watching Disney movies, laughing at episodes of SpongeBob, or just enjoying moments that brought him comfort and happiness. He carried a lightness about him that made others feel at ease.

Music was truly his passion and his escape. Rarely seen without his headphones, Richie was always immersed in sound-collecting songs, creating playlists, and stepping into the role of DJ at family gatherings. Through music, he connected with others and expressed himself in a way words often couldn't.

He also had a love for life's little indulgences-always enjoying a good IPA or craft beer, and never turning down a Red Bull or his favorite energy drinks. These small, familiar comforts were part of what made Richie so uniquely himself.

Since his passing, many of Richie's friends have reached out, all sharing the same sentiment: that he was a light. He was kind, sweet, and carried an innocence that left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was spoken of with such deep love and admiration-a true reflection of the gentle spirit he was.

Though Richie faced struggles, they never defined the goodness within him. He will be remembered for his warmth, his love for music, his playful spirit, and the quiet kindness he gave so freely.

Richie's life, though far too short, leaves behind a lasting echo in the hearts of those who loved him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation will be held 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thursday, April 2nd, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 8:30 AM Friday, April 3rd, 2026 at Sunflower Fields Cemetery, 9660 18th Avenue, Lemoore.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

Graveside

APR 3. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (PT)

Sunflower Fields Cemetery
9660 18th Avenue
Lemoore, CA 93245

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Tyler Rodriguez*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 01 at 11:40 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Richard Tyler Rodriguez*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 31 at 05:09 PM

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“ *Alice R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Richard Tyler Rodriguez.*



Alice R. - March 31 at 04:30 PM

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“ Linda Rice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Tyler Rodriguez.

Linda Rice - March 31 at 01:54 AM

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“ Linda Rice purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Tyler Rodriguez.



Linda Rice - March 31 at 01:54 AM

MJ

“ Mike, Melanie, Brandon, Britt, Ali, & JT purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Richard Tyler Rodriguez.



Mike, Melanie, Brandon, Britt, Ali, & JT - March 30 at 05:04 PM