



Stanley Calvin Bennett

August 9, 1954 - September 1, 2023

Stanley Calvin Bennett was born in Visalia on August 9, 1954 to Calvin (Cal) Bennett and Elsie (Stoeffler) Bennett Ballinger. He passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully at his home in Exeter, Ca on September 1, 2023.

Stan was a life-long Visalian, where he attended George McCann for eight years and graduated from Redwood High School in 1972. He was proud of the Cowhides he won and lost during his 3-year stint on the varsity team. He went on to play football at College of the Sequoias.

As much as Stan loved being a well-known member of the Visalia community, he was incredibly hardworking and humble. Cal Bennett's Office Supply was started by his father in 1964, and Stan started at the bottom cleaning toilets and helping out with the family business. He learned the ins and outs and eventually worked his way up to sharing an office with his father, Cal. Growing pains found Cal Bennett's expanding to its current location at 615 N. Plaza Drive, where All-Ways Moving was born. Stan believed in working hard, cultivating lasting relationships and empowering others to do the same. Stan offered unsolicited advice often about the life lessons he gained from growing up and working in a small town. His motto was: "Everything I've learned, I learned from somebody else!"

Stan never met a stranger and was active in his community. He was visible on

numerous boards as well as involved in a variety of organizations and community outreaches. His love of the community was launched during his participation in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, where he was elected President in 1979. He loved Visalia and supporting the "buying local" initiative to champion other small businesses in their endeavors. He also enjoyed coaching pop-warner football, refereeing basketball, coaching/cheering on his kid's athletic teams, teaching Sunday School, leading bible studies, and most recently becoming a Courage to Change mentor. His interests/hobbies included; flying airplanes, going to the beach, fishing, reading, listening to music, motorcycle riding, and all things grandkids. Stan has eight beautiful grandchildren, all whom lovingly and energetically call him "Pop".

On May 26, 1979, Stan married Tamra (Nesbitt), his best friend, and the love of his life. If you ever asked Stan, his number one regret in life was "not marrying Tamra three years sooner". Stan and Tamra celebrated 44 years together, this past May. Together, they raised four children, all who followed in his footsteps by attending Redwood H.S. and were involved in athletics to show their Ranger pride.

Included with being a husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and business owner, Stan loved being a Christian. His faith was powerful and inspirational. He faithfully spent time with the Lord and would write down scripture, thoughts and anecdotes to his daily readings. Stan graciously shared his story of being saved by Christ and his redemption and forgiveness.

Stan is preceded in death by his parents, Cal Bennett and Elsie Ballinger, a brother Steven Bennett and a sister Jean Henry. Stan is survived by his loving wife, Tamra and their 4 children; Ameer Walsh, Emilee (Garrett) Lovell, Steven Bennett and Hillaree Bennett. Eight grandchildren; Tate and Deklan Walsh. Grandt, Grayson and Grady Lovell, Rebekah Niggli-Atkinson, Elodie Tsapanos, and Harper Bennett. A brother, Jim Bennett, a nephew, Calvin

Bennett, and nieces, Shawna Stevens, Jennifer Serna and Candace Bennett. Along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of life to honor Stan will be held at Gateway Church of Visalia, 1100 S. Sowell St. Visalia, CA 93277, September 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Followed by a private family burial at Visalia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers; remembrances in Stan's honor can be made to the Visalia Rescue Mission, 741 N. Santa Fe Street, Visalia, CA 93292; Courage to Change, 1230 N. Anderson Rd. Exeter, CA 93221; Young Lives, 2134 E. Mineral King Ave. #B, Visalia, CA 93292.

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

Previous Events

Funeral

SEP **12.** 9:30 AM (PT)

Gateway Church of Visalia
1100 S Sowell St
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Stanley Calvin Bennett*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 11, 2023 at 11:43 AM

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“ *I just recently learned of the death of my friend. Stan and I ran in different circles in high school but always had a deep respect for each other. We became closer in our reunion experiences and when I became a pastor no one was more supportive than Stan. We didn't see a lot of each other but when we did it was time well spent. I mourn the fact that he isn't here but treasure the fact that he was my friend. God bless his family and loved ones.*

Charlie Lockhart - March 16, 2025 at 12:09 PM

EC

“ *Cal was always a class act. I had the pleasure of meeting him about 35 years ago when I moved to Visalia. He loved this town, and I cannot remember a single conversation over all those years that was not unfailingly positive. - Eric Coyne*

Eric Coyne - September 14, 2023 at 11:19 AM

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“ *Mobile Webcast of the Funeral Service from Gateway Church in Visalia, September 12th at 9:30am*

<https://www.viewlogies.net/salser-and-dillard/tX0UkxSwl?pin=822567>

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 08, 2023 at 09:28 PM

RM

“ *Dearest Tamara and Fam. I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and bless you during this time.*

Rachel Mano

Rachel Mano - September 07, 2023 at 04:38 PM

AW

“ *Stan was a wonderful person, husband, father, and friend. It was a pleasure to know him, Tamara, and his family. His positive attitude and vibes will be with us forever. He was truly one-of-a kind and We will miss him. Rest in peace my friend. Al Wiley and Family*

Al Wiley - September 06, 2023 at 11:20 AM