



Zachary Irving Navo

May 11, 1983 - August 18, 2025

Zachary Irving Navo, lovingly known as Zak, was born May 11, 1983, in Visalia, California. On August 18th, 2025, surrounded by family and love, he left this world far too soon, leaving behind a legacy of strength, kindness, devotion, and faith.

From the start, Zak lived with boundless energy and purpose. He attended George McCann Memorial Catholic School in Visalia, CA from kindergarten through eighth grade, where he threw himself into every opportunity-sports, science projects, poetry recitals, altar service, and even the bell choir. At Redwood High School, he discovered the sport that became his lifelong passion: golf. He earned a varsity letter all four years and left his mark on the course not just with his powerful swing, but with his loyalty and brotherhood to his teammates.

Yet when his high school years ended, Zak was searching for a greater purpose. Golf had shaped him, but it did not define him. Inspired by his father Mark, and his Uncle Kenny-a WWII and Korea veteran Zak deeply admired-he chose to follow in their footsteps and serve his country. After the events of 9/11, he proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Zak's service reflected both his courage and his relentless drive to challenge himself. He graduated from MCRD and Camp Pendleton, qualified for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defense, and became an instructor in chemical agent handling. Always seeking greater challenges, he later earned a coveted position as a Marine Corps Security Guard, serving as an

"Embassy Marine." In that role, he protected U.S. embassies, classified information, and dignitaries, including Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell, Donald Rumsfeld, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and President George W. Bush.

Over five years of service, Zak rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Among his peers, he was nicknamed the "Silverback"-a testament to his strength, toughness, and ability to stand his ground. He traveled the world as a Marine, living across Asia and Africa, serving in countless countries. Though offered classified positions in Washington, D.C., and South America, Zak's heart called him back home to Visalia.

There, he followed in his father's footsteps, briefly working alongside him at Allstate Insurance Agency before founding Navo Financial, Inc. in 2010. As in all things, Zak poured his heart into building his business. His Marine discipline fueled his work ethic, and he worked late into the night to grow relationships and master entrepreneurship. By 2011, he had earned the Veteran Owned Business Award in Fresno. Later, he expanded his work by founding Element Security in 2017, offering his expert security protection services throughout California. Those that worked with Zak also know how much passion he had for the "!" and ALL CAPS in his emails at 4:30am. It was only recently that Zak was made aware that he was screaming at everyone via email.

Zak would go on to meet his soulmate, Tina Slenders, they married on April 16, 2016, in Fresno, CA. Their love began as a friendship and grew into a bond rooted in loyalty, commitment, and joy. He was beyond kind and loving to Tina, on most days she got a note somewhere in the house saying, "I love you".

Together they welcomed two daughters: Teddi Grace in 2018 and Rozlyn Taylor in 2020. Fatherhood gave Zak a new mission in life-one he cherished above all others. The Marine who had once stood guard at embassies across the world was now arriving home each day to the precious, but very loud voices of two little girls yelling "Daaaadd" and then jumping into his arms.

Weekends for Zak and his girls were all about backyard pool time, trips to In N Out Burger while rocking out to their favorite playlists, attending mass, getting donuts, and stopping by the Visalia County Club to practice their swings and feed the ducks.

Zak was a true lover of life; he was kind, generous, hardworking, Catholic, and a dedicated family man. He was one of a kind. Zak will never be forgotten but forever remembered and missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Zak's legacy is carried on by his beloved wife Tina, their daughters Teddi and Rozlyn, his parents Mark & Rebecca Navo, brothers Mark Navo Jr (Diana), Matthew (Tylee) Navo, Max (Isabell) Navo, sister Chantal (Christian) Navo-Diaz, sister-in-law's Stephanie (Reid) Parichan, and Gina (Michael) Titus and many other great family and dear friends. May we always remember him as God has remembered. Semper Fi.

Services

Visitation: Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Salser & Dillard Life Event Center, 135 E. Caldwell Ave.

Rosary: 6:00-7:00 p.m. following visitation.

Funeral Mass: Friday, Aug. 29, 2025, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church Street.

Graveside Burial: 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W. Goshen Ave.

The family invites all who knew Zak to share their memories, stories, and messages of love, so that his spirit may continue to shine through the lives he touched, and his young daughters will have a special gift to cherish in the years ahead.

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

AUG 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

AUG 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 29. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Graveside

AUG 29. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Sally C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

Sally C. - September 02, 2025 at 01:52 PM

MS

“ 25 years ago I came to live here in Visalia. By chance, while looking for insurance for my house and car, I found the Navo Papa agency and there I met a young, happy, man, full of life with a special charm. He was the one who helped me. My English was not very good, but he went out of his way to provide the best care. When he became independent, he invited me to stay with him and of course I did not hesitate for a second to stay with him. And to think that he is no longer here with us is very painful for my client. I cannot even imagine how difficult and painful it must be for his parents and siblings, much less for his daughters. I send the strongest of hugs and my most heartfelt condolences to the Navo Family.

Maria Cardenas de Santos - August 31, 2025 at 05:13 PM

TD

“ We send our deepest condolences to the Zachary Navo Family, and to other Navo Family Members who are grieving at his loss.

Sincerely, The Darrington Family.

The Darrington's - August 30, 2025 at 09:26 AM

BS

“ Byron Darrington Sr sent a virtual gift in memory of Zachary Navo



Byron Darrington Sr - August 30, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

August 29, 2025 at 10:04 PM

AM

“ Andres Mansfield purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



Andres Mansfield - August 29, 2025 at 11:15 AM

AM

“ I went to George McCann with Zak from Kindergarten to 7th grade. Some of my best childhood memories during those early years of life involve Zak. He was the kind kid of that everyone wanted to befriend. A funny, adventurous & loyal friend with a contagious laugh!

Mr. & Mrs. Navo, Max & Chantal - I am so sorry for your loss. I know there are no words that can adequately express how much he'll be missed, but I am so grateful that he was my friend.

*-Andres Mansfield
andres.mansfield@gmail.com*



Andres Mansfield - August 29, 2025 at 11:06 AM

HC

“ Harley C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

Harley C. - August 29, 2025 at 10:39 AM

IK

“ *Memory of Zak*

Zak was such a wonderful person. He was not just an employer, but also a mentor, a brother, and a great friend. Over the years I worked for him, he helped me in countless ways, and I learned so much from him. He was always there whenever I needed him, and more than anything, he was my best friend in the US.

Izziq William Khazan - August 28, 2025 at 09:49 PM

TV

“ *The Galindo Family Vince, Deb, Kenny, Wendy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



The Galindo Family Vince, Deb, Kenny, Wendy - August 28, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.*

August 28, 2025 at 07:07 PM

TF

“ *The Sleutjes Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



The Sleutjes Family - August 28, 2025 at 06:56 PM

TF

“ *The Sleutjes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.*

The Sleutjes Family - August 28, 2025 at 06:56 PM

MP

“ *To Tina, the girls, and the whole Navo family. May God give you strength and guidance through this difficult time, and may the cherished memories of Zak bring you comfort in your hearts. His legacy will continue to live on in all of us. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Always,
Tito, Marilia and Cruz Palomera*

Marilia Palomera - August 28, 2025 at 06:55 PM

HM

“ *Helia M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.*

Helia M. - August 28, 2025 at 06:43 PM

TF

“ *The Etchegaray Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



The Etchegaray Family - August 28, 2025 at 05:44 PM

TF

“ The Etchegaray Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

The Etchegaray Family - August 28, 2025 at 05:44 PM

IW

“ Izziq W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

Izziq W. - August 28, 2025 at 04:41 PM

AM

“ Amanda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

Amanda M. - August 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM

SC

“ Our condolences to your family for the passing of your beloved Zak. Zak was our insurance agent for all these years. I will always remember his professionalism, friendliness & above and beyond assistance.
Somjai Cochran



Somjai Cochran - August 28, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



August 28, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

August 28, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *To Mrs. Rebecca Navo aka Miss Ouellette and family. May the sweet memories of your dear loved one forever live in your hearts and bring a smile to your face. Take care, Diane (Carvalho) Cardwell*

Diane (Carvalho) Cardwell - August 28, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Maria and Terry Brown purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



Maria and Terry Brown - August 28, 2025 at 11:03 AM

HK

“ *Hans Kluijtmans lit a candle in memory of Zachary Navo*



Hans Kluijtmans - August 28, 2025 at 03:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



August 28, 2025 at 01:49 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.*

August 28, 2025 at 01:49 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Hood purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



Debbie Hood - August 27, 2025 at 11:12 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Hood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.*

Debbie Hood - August 27, 2025 at 11:12 PM

DA

“ *Darlene lit a candle in memory of Zachary Navo*



Darlene - August 27, 2025 at 10:36 PM

BB

“ *B. Austin Burger purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



B. Austin Burger - August 27, 2025 at 03:39 PM

AH

“ *Ashley Zaninovich, Brittney Hatch purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.*



Ashley Zaninovich, Brittney Hatch - August 27, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AF

“ Annette Maiorino & family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



Annette Maiorino & family - August 27, 2025 at 01:38 PM

SA

“ Sharon M., JoAnn H. & Andrea A. purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



Sharon M., JoAnn H. & Andrea A. - August 27, 2025 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ The Andrade-Basaman-Hickey Families purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



The Andrade-Basaman-Hickey Families - August 27, 2025 at 11:43 AM

TF

“ The Andrade-Basaman-Hickey Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

The Andrade-Basaman-Hickey Families - August 27, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ I taught Zak in fourth grade at GMC. He was a very likable and smart young man with a supportive family. So very sorry for your loss
 Susan Maday

Susan Maday - August 27, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ My condolences to the Navo family and to all of those who were close to Zak. I had the pleasure of working for his security company for 4.5 years and met and spoke with him numerous times and he was always pleasurable and kind. Rest in peace sir.



Amir Baharloo - August 27, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



August 27, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ Fresno Coin Gallery purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



Fresno Coin Gallery - August 26, 2025 at 08:29 PM

FG

“ Fresno Coin Gallery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

Fresno Coin Gallery - August 26, 2025 at 08:29 PM

JR

“ Juanita Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Zachary Navo



Juanita Rodriguez - August 26, 2025 at 08:25 PM

SA

“ I still remember him young, golden brown and on the beaches of Hawaii. His energy and smile were contagious and he will be missed by all. My heart breaks hearing this news today. Him and my Dad will be doing business in heaven in no time at all ❤️❤️ I know my mom met him at the gates he is with her now. We love you all XOXO Stacey, Rick and Diane Austin

Stacey Austin - August 26, 2025 at 07:29 PM

FC

“ From Russell Harris and The Almond Co purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



From Russell Harris and The Almond Co - August 26, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



August 26, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

August 26, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Slenders family Holland. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



Slenders family Holland. - August 26, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss Tina and to the entire family of Zak. You all are in my prayers. I wouldn't have the career I have today if it wasn't for Zak offering me an opportunity in the insurance industry. I'm very appreciative for everything he did for me. He will never be forgotten.

Christina Marmolejo - August 26, 2025 at 11:05 AM

CM

“ Christina M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

Christina M. - August 26, 2025 at 10:52 AM

EG

“ Ewalt en Arna Gubbels purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



Ewalt en Arna Gubbels - August 26, 2025 at 03:24 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Zachary Irving Navo.



August 26, 2025 at 01:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zachary Irving Navo.

August 26, 2025 at 01:48 AM

DB

“ Zac, was my nephew, I always loved that special little grin he had, especially after he had done or said something out of order! After he was married we developed a closer relationship when he would call and say, Hey, aunt Diana, it's Zac!! And proceed to talk about his family or that they were coming to the coast and wanted to stop and visit me . I was able to watch him develop into this young man full of life ,a good man, that never hesitated to show his feelings !! . I will miss him and will always hold and treasure my memories of Zac close to my heart !!❤️

Diana Blizzard - August 25, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JK

Zac was my insurance agent. Although I was 37 years older than him I always had complete faith in his character and competence. My heart broke today when I read about his passing. I never was blessed with a son, but I always thought if had one I would like him to be just like Zak. My wife and I send our sincere condolences to Zack's family.
Joseph Kalashian

Joseph Kalashian - August 27, 2025 at 02:05 PM