



Jerald Francis Kobliska

April 1, 1933 - December 12, 2025

Jerald Francis “Jerry” Kobliska, age 92, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2025, in

Arroyo Grande, California.

Jerry was born in Deerfield, Iowa, on April 1, 1933, where he spent his early years growing

up in various parts of the state. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Rita Eileen

Joerger, he moved to California, where they raised their family and made their home.

Jerry dedicated 33 years of his working life to Pacific Bell, where he was known for his

strong work ethic and reliability. Outside of work, he was happiest lending a helping hand—

always ready to take on a small project, fix something around the house, or help someone in

need. However, not all his projects were small. He led the Kobliska team in building the

family cabin in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He was kind, helpful, and had a wonderful

sense of humor. A natural jokester, Jerry loved to make others laugh and brought lightness

and joy wherever he went.

Above all, Jerry was deeply proud of his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and his love for his family was evident in everything he did. He was also a faithful and devoted Catholic, whose life reflected his strong belief in service, generosity, and love of others.

Jerry is survived by his beloved wife of 73 years, Rita Eileen Kobliska; his children, Stephen Kobliska (Cindy), Tony Kobliska (Debby), Gina Nichols (Ken), Kris Kobliska (Angie), Lisa O'Neill, Paula Martin (Dutch), Matthew Kobliska (Laurie), and Andrew Kobliska (Stefanie); his brother, Bill Kobliska (Ruth); 21 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Shawn Kobliska, and infant son, Kevin Kobliska.

A Rosary will be prayed on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Reis Mortuary in San Luis Obispo, California. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Arroyo Grande, California. Entombment will follow immediately after the Mass at Old Mission Cemetery in San Luis Obispo, California.

Jerry will be remembered for his kindness, his humor, his willingness to help anyone in need, and his unwavering devotion to his faith and family. May he rest in eternal peace and be welcomed into the loving arms of the Lord.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Reis Family Mortuary and Crematory
991 Nipomo Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 544-7400
k.reis1958@gmail.com
<https://www.reisfamilymortuary.net/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
501 Fair Oaks Ave
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
<http://www.stpatsag.org>

Burial

JAN 9. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Old Mission Catholic Cemetery
101 Bridge St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 541-0584
<http://www.cfcsmonterey.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sam Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jerald Francis Kobliska*



Sam Edwards - January 04 at 05:04 PM

JF

“ *Mr. Jerry Kobliska was a good man and a fine example how to live our lives. His and Rita's children are ALL following in their parents footsteps and are remarkable people. God bless you. 🙏
And... from the old Bakersfield hood, Loma Linda Drive Families, still RULE!!!
John, Cynthia and ALL of the Fox Families*

John Fox - January 02 at 11:16 PM

DM

Sad to hear Mr. Kobliska (Jerry) passing.. A forever fond memory of a day spent with he and the boys at there cabin project in the mountains. He rolled up his sleeves and new his stuff! A delightful man and the BBQ was superb .. Memories n blessings.. Dennis and the Mulhollands

Dennis Mulholland - March 25 at 11:16 PM

MF

“ *Matt's AT&T Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerald Francis Kobliska.*



Matt's AT&T Family - December 30, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerald Francis Kobliska.*



December 26, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ *Dan and Vinci O’Neill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerald Francis Kobliska.*

Dan and Vinci O’Neill - December 22, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerald Francis Kobliska.*



December 22, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ *I recall the early years of the 60's playing fast pitch softball with you, my father and my brother for the Knights of Columbus. I cherish those memories and know you as an adult. Thank-you Uncle Jerry.
Love, Joe John*

Joseph Joerger, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) - December 19, 2025 at 05:05 PM