



## Rick Elisarraras

February 12, 2021

“Consider it pure joy...whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance” James 1:2

We feel that our Lord Jesus Christ blessed Rick with tolerable discomfort throughout his journey. Rick felt cancer was a ‘wake-up call’ to get off the middle of the fence, in regards to his service to his Lord and Savior.

All who visited him through his journey, were encouraged by Rick to “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved” as stated in Acts 16:31. We are all sinful and need a Savior. God loves you, no matter what you’ve done and offers a way for you to be saved.

Rick was born February 2, 1950, in Atascadero General Hospital to Joseph and Barbara Elisarraras. He attended grammar school in Santa Margarita and Atascadero’s Santa Rosa Elementary. Rick was a graduate of Atascadero High School, class of 1968.

Rick enjoyed racing motorcycles, both novice and professional, along racing Super Modified cars at Atascadero Speedway.

Rick married Shelley Sawyer in 1970 and was happy to celebrate 50 years of marriage on August 8, 2020. He thought it was funny to tell people that

Shelley said "You're not dying until after our anniversary!"

Born to Rick and Shelley were three children: Chuck, Kacy, and Colleen. They were also blessed with 4 grandsons.

Rick worked for local excavation contractors until 1974 when he was able to get his contractor's license and start Rick Elisarraras Excavation Company.

Rick mentored many young folks throughout this time regarding strong work ethics, problem solving on job sites, as well as overall encouragement to do their best.

Rick loved his family and friends, and was generous to those in need.

We miss him and his smile but we know a little part of him lives on in us all.

Rick is survived by his wife, Shelley, sons Chuck and Kacy, daughter-in law, Carrie, daughter Colleen Elisarraras-Goodman, son-in-law, Mike Goodman, grandchildren, Cameron, Taylor, Keaton, and Luke, brother Bob Elisarraras, sister-in-law, Elta Elisarraras, mother-in-law, Jerry Sawyer, sister-in-law, Tawnie Sawyer, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

obituary & service:

Graveside service March 6th at 11am will be held at Santa Margarita Cemetery (606 East Pozo Rd, Santa Margarita, CA 93453)

Reception to immediately follow at Atascadero Gospel Chapel (corner of Atascadero & Curbaril Avenues)

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of the following:

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

P.O. Box 1784

Atascadero, CA 93423

El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO)

P.O. Box 2077

Atascadero, CA 93423

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

Santa Margarita District Cemetery  
606 E Pozo rd  
San Margarita, CA 93453

## Reception

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (PT)

Atascadero Gospel Chapel  
8205 Curbaril Ave  
Atascadero, CA 93422  
<http://www.atascaderogospelchapel.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ With a broken heart I am deeply saddened to hear of your passing. Walk with the lord until we all meet again. Rick and Shelly were family growing up and they will always be in my heart. Love you bunches, Susan Dallaire-Jones

Susan Dallaire-Jones - March 06, 2021 at 10:03 AM

GW

“ What a wonderful man heaven has recieved. May the family find comfort in the words of God. Well done my good and fairful servant. Rick was a fun and wonderful classmate. Blessings

Garth and Janice Webb - March 04, 2021 at 11:26 AM

LJ

“ This isn't a memory but an impression...whenever I saw Rick he was smiling this huge smile that filled up his whole face and just warmed your heart. He was a very special man Shelley. He will be missed.

Laura Johnson - March 04, 2021 at 08:27 AM

KF

“ Ken Filipponi purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rick Elisarraras.



Ken Filipponi - March 02, 2021 at 07:48 PM

LS

“ Dear Shelley and family, I am sorry about losing Rick. He fought the good fight and tried his best, but God must have wanted him home. I can only imagine how hard this is for all of you, and I hope it helps in some small measure to know that others are praying for you and love you. Rick was one of the best friends anyone could have. I felt like I could always talk with Rick about anything, and he was great at listening and sharing his thoughts. We were friends growing up, and he used to come over to the Tiny Tee Miniature Golf Course that my parents and Bill and Dorothy Roberts built and owned. He used to come over to play miniature golf or just visit. When we were Seniors in High School, we had Study Hall together. I bet you could guess that we got very little studying done and had a whole lot of fun. I loved the fact that Rick loved you so much, Shelley. He always talked about his beautiful bride and how lucky he was to have you as his wife. He also loved his children and grandchildren so much and his friends. I know Rick is up in Heaven watching over everyone and waiting for us to all come join him when it is our time. He was a man of great faith, and I know that helped him during his last few years. Rick was one in millions, and I will miss his positive attitude and humor. Rick, you will be missed by so many people who love you. Until we meet again, Rest in Peace.

*Lynn Paaske Speidel*

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**Lynn Paaske Speidel** - March 02, 2021 at 07:06 PM

JB

“ Rick was born February 2, 1950 and I was born February 3, 1950. So he is one day older than I am. We have wished each other Happy Birthdays ever since we were kids. I'm going to miss my birthday brother.

*With Love,  
Jack Baum*

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**Jack Baum** - March 02, 2021 at 04:49 PM

EM

“ *This man and his family are what families are made of!! I have known Rick and Shelly since early 1970's on a personal level helping load lumber at the lumber yard. This person and his family have really helped me and inspire me in my own personal aspersions in so many ways. Thank you Rick!!!*

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**Ed Madruga** - March 01, 2021 at 01:22 AM

MM

“ *Rick could always bring a smile. By 6 th grade I considered him a friend and the cutest boy in school. When I became a widow in 2015 he and Shelly comforted me from 3000 miles away. When I moved back in 2019 of Feb. he and Shelly tracked me the whole way. Then when Joe Myall and I somehow reconnected, a widower and we were married in a quiet ceremony Rick and Shelly made us feel so loved. Rick often said to us.. 'a marriage made in Heaven' which we would laugh and agree wholeheartedly. Getting to visit with this darling couple, very much in love last October was a sheer delight. Their beautiful teamwork created a lovely and hospitable home that we found ourselves admiring on every turn. Rick is a part of that Great Cloud of Wittnesses and we miss him but we will see him soon. Shelly we love you and are here for you.*



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**Melanie Myall** - February 28, 2021 at 09:12 PM

DH

“ R.I.P., my friend! You have been an inspiration with your loving character and beautiful smile! You will be missed! Heaven, and those residing, there are the winners in this.

*Deanie*

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**Deanie Haynes** - February 28, 2021 at 08:59 PM

MC

“ Rick was a life long friend. His great smile and laughter always left you feeling good. He shared his love of the lord with anyone who would listen, it meant everything to him. God welcomed Rick as a special angel. We know you will watch over all of us and we will see you my friend someday. *Mary Chastain*

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**Mary Chastain** - February 26, 2021 at 11:18 PM