



Sidney Marques

August 15, 1927 - May 19, 2026

Longtime local resident Sidney Marques passed away May 19, 2026.

Sidney Marques was born on August 15, 1927 in Hanford, CA to Mary and John Marques Sr.

When he was 5 years old, the family moved to Morro Bay, CA. He went to elementary school in Morro Bay and then attended San Luis Obispo Junior and Senior High schools.

He was always grateful to the Ferrini Family for taking him in while he worked and went to high school.

He was hired by Southern Pacific Railroad in 1947 as a signalman helper with the signal crew. They installed and replaced signal lines where needed from San Francisco to Santa Barbara.

In August 1951, he was drafted into the Army. He met his wife Isabel Borba of San Rafael while in the service when stationed in San Francisco. They were married in November 1953 when he returned home from the Army. They purchased their home in San Luis Obispo, where they lived for over 65 years. He returned to the Southern Pacific Railroad in the signal department but was assigned to the signal crew in Watsonville. He and the other men lived in an outfit car (a boxcar remodeled into living quarters). He would come home to San Luis Obispo on Friday night and leave again on Monday morning to Watsonville. During that time their daughters were born, Beverly in 1958 and Darlene in 1960. He was still working in Watsonville when his boss in San Francisco informed him there would be a new position coming up at the

Vandenburg AFB. Sid bid on the job and got it.

He retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad with 42 years of service. After he retired, he was hired as rail consultant for a Fiber Optic Company, under the direction of Jim Tomisini, installing fiber optic cable on the Southern Pacific Right of Way.

Sid was a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, American Legion, Knights of Columbus and a founding member of the Sunshine Boys.

Sid was preceded in death by his wife Isabel (isie) Lorraine Marques, parents, five brothers, two sisters an infant son Larry. He is survived by his daughters, Beverly (Gary) and Darlene (Charlie), brother Robert Marques, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

The family of Sidney Marques would like to acknowledge and thank Nellie Corrales and her staff and Central Coast Hospice for their compassionate care of Sidney Marques.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Nativity of our Lady Catholic Church
221 Daly Ave
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sid was a lovely person. Met him back in about '71 he was working for the state and stopped into my gas station, Arco on Higuera St and South(I also had the Chevron across the street which is not a donut shop). We had his Company truck up on the rack one day changing oil. A customer came in that we both knew and went out there to talk to him. While we were standing about 5 ft. from the window facing the work shop area, his truck, up high on the lift rack, broke a raising flip up used for trucks and the truck came crushing out the glass window right at us. Luckily his truck rack hit the top of the metal siding and only came partly out..... Our friendship grew even bigger. I loved Sid. God will take care of my buddy !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Steve Boyle - May 30 at 12:24 PM

WL

So sad to hear about my great Uncle Sid's passing. I have so many great memories of spending time at Uncle Sid's and Aunt Isabel's when I was a kid, going over there often with my Grandma Aldean, Sid's sister. My dad, Punky, had a very special, close relationship with Uncle Sid, a bit like brothers with a large age gap, a bit like father and son, but very close. I know my sisters echo this sentiment, we will all miss Uncle Sid in the Lewis Family.

Whitney Lewis - June 02 at 08:36 PM

KS

I was so sad to hear about Sid's passing. Sid was like a grandfather to me. I will always treasure the memories and our time spent together. I love you Grandpa!!

Krissy Sherwood - June 04 at 04:52 PM