



David Garcia Albizo Jr.

July 9, 1938 - September 16, 2020

David Garcia Albizo, Jr., 82, Capt., USMC, ret., beloved husband of Ardath left this life on September 16, 2020. David was a first generation American born in San Francisco in 1938 to David Garcia Albizo, Sr. and Carmen Garcia. He is survived by his wife, Ardath Albizo, two previous wives, Kathleen Donnay and Ruth Ramos, younger siblings Hector Albizo and Sonia Ruiz and five children: David Garcia Albizo, III, Mary Ann White, Carmen Martinez, David George Albizo and Elizabeth Saunders.

David was a proud retired marine who served in that capacity for 22 years. He had two tours in Viet Nam, receiving a field promotion to 2nd Lieutenant at the end of his first tour and to Captain during his second tour. He was proudest and most affected by his participation in the insertion and removal of Marines on Hill 488 in 1966.

However, his life was haunted by his experiences "in country", and, in addition to his personal battle with PTSD, he struggled with alcoholism as well as diabetes and heart disease resulting from his exposure to Agent Orange. Although he was unable to heal the physical damage, he successfully stopped drinking in 1984 and died with more than 36 years of continuous sobriety. David dedicated the last decades of his life to helping other veterans who wanted to heal from similar experiences, and touched many men in Bakersfield.

His ashes will be placed at the Bakersfield National Cemetery in Arvin. No date has been set for interment pending post-Covid re-opening. For updated information regarding his burial ceremony, check the website of Mission Funeral Home in Bakersfield. In lieu of flowers, please honor his memory with a donation to the Marines' Memorial Association & Foundation in San Francisco.

Marines' Memorial Association.. <https://marinesmemorial.org/ways-to-give/>

Cemetery Details

Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203
(661) 867-2250

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

David
Albizo

“ I know your laughing up above at the shitshow that’s taken place since you’ve passed.

I am so proud to call you my father. You overcame the odds at every turn and showed me how to accept life on life’s terms. I miss your smile and your laugh. I am so grateful for the memories we shared together and will always cherish them. I love you!

Please Rest In Peace, Dad. I love you.

David Albizo - May 27, 2021 at 10:35 PM

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“ To our favorite Marine, as you go to your final resting place this morning, we send our love and fond memories- Tokyo, Guam, Iwakuni, Marine Air Wing, Chicago snowstorms and good times with the Ruiz family, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside beaches, Barbecues, Vista soccer, softball, Little League, Sugarbush, Tri-City Hospital friends, parties and trips to San Francisco.
May You Rest in Eternal Peace.



*Kathleen Albizo-Donnay and Family
(Grandpa & Grandma Figge, Roger, Carol, Jim, Bobbi, Marcia, Jeff and their families).*

David and Anne Marie Albizo & Family

*Danny and Elizabeth Saunders(Albizo)
& Family*

Kathleen Albizo-Donnay - April 21, 2021 at 11:57 AM

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Kathleen Albizo-Donnay, I read your tribute to my brother it is beautiful. I remember some of those days well. I think the best days in Dave's life were you and the children.

Regards my sister-in-law,

Sonia Albizo Ruiz

Sonia Ruiz - August 03, 2023 at 10:19 AM

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“ *My dearest brother David G Albizo Jr.*

As a child, I remember my brother, David...

He took on the world at the young age of seventeen, a wife in one hand and a child in the other hand and he entered the Marine Corps... leaving his mother and father with a heavy heart.

They went off into the world and did their best—but life and the years of war took its toll on the young family- and now we lay you up to sleep in heaven.

Now we have just memories of our big brother the Mega wolf (as my son coined him) who loved all of us and guided us—when we asked him.

God bless you my dear brother and we will see you in heaven.

—Your loving sister and the Ruiz family

Sonia Ruiz - April 18, 2021 at 04:19 PM

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Sonia Ruiz - April 18, 2021 at 03:45 PM



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Mission Funeral Home - February 24, 2021 at 02:17 PM