



John Cruz Najera Jr

October 8, 1946 - August 12, 2022

JOHN CRUZ NAJERA JR.

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John died peacefully in his sleep on August 12, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his wife Cecilia Najera, His parents John and Georgia Najera and sister Teresa (Terry) Trujillo.

He is survived by his sisters Pauline Escandon, Mary Lou Garcia and husband Frank, Lupe Riojas and husband Filipe and Lisa Najera, his four sons, John Cruz Najera III, Julian Cruz Najera and wife Carol, Tony Cruz Najera, and Tom Cruz Najera, twelve grandchildren and fifteen greatgrandchildren.

John was Born, Bakersfield California to Parents John Cruz Najera Sr. And Georgia E. Najera. He attended local schools in Bakersfield where he met and later married his wife Cecilia (Melgoza) Najera and together they raised four boys. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1967 and served four years before being honorably discharged in 1971 after serving in the Vietnam war. He was awarded the National Defense Metal, Viet Nam Service Metal, Republic of Viet Nam Campaign good Conduct Metal, Rifle Sharpshooter Metal, and Letter of Appreciation. John was owner of Najera Concrete a local cement mason contracting company that was in business for most of the 70's 80' 1990's and into the early 2000's. He proudly taught his trade to his sons. He worked the business for many years, and John gave many tradesmen the education of the "shovel and trowel" that they now possess today.

He loved fishing and hunting and spending time outdoors. There were many fishing trips with his Father John Najera Sr. and his sons. Bishop and Morro Bay were common fishing spots that he and his family would adventure out to. He spent his most of his retirement days enjoying his Western T.V. shows and watching NASCAR Races and was a Rams football team fan.

His wife's Cecilia's ashes will be placed with him as they will now be "Together again" but this time for all eternity.

John left a legacy of "Never give up and give in" and will live on in the hearts of all whom loved him.

Cemetery Details

Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Memorial Service

AUG 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Military Honors

AUG **24**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
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