



Floyd V. Bastiani

April 16, 1930 - June 30, 2024

Floyd Bastiani died peacefully on June 30, 2024, at the age of 94. He was born on April 16, 1930 in Grangeville, California to the late Louis Dante Bastiani and Isolina (Hazel) Carolina Bastiani (Mura).

He leaves behind his wife Lillian of 69 years, his two daughters Carol Bastiani, and Susan McBride and her husband Martin; granddaughter Marisa and her husband Tim; great-granddaughter Riley.

Floyd was born and grew up in Grangeville, California with his parents and beloved sister Emily. Siblings Annie, Alberto, and Stella, died as children before Floyd was born. He graduated from Hanford High School in 1947. After the passing of his father in that year, Floyd moved to San Joaquin, CA, and at the age of 17, worked the family farm and cared for his mother. He worked and loved the land for over 60 years. In 1954, Floyd met Lillian Cucci, she was the new girl in town, just moving to the San Joaquin Valley from Southern California...she was pretty, and Italian.... perfect! It was a Saturday night at "The Big Fresno Barn" and Floyd made his move. Lillian realized very quickly that Floyd had qualities that she was looking for in a husband. He was a gentle, kind and decent man, honorable..... and handsome. Floyd and Lillian were married in 1955 at St Patrick's Catholic church in Kerman California. Floyd and Lillian continued to work and live on the farm in San Joaquin and started their family, together they raised their two daughters Carol and Susan.

In 1960 in addition to farming, Floyd took a position at San Joaquin Elementary School as a school bus driver. For 30 years Floyd got thousands of children to school safely every morning, and home again every evening. He maintained the bus fleet, taught classes and mentored other drivers, in driver safety and first aid, all the while farming the land, his true love.

After retirement, Floyd and Lillian moved to Fresno, California to design and build the home of their dreams. Where they have resided until his death.

Floyd loved his family fiercely. He found great joy and happiness in the celebrations and accomplishments of his girls. He was over the moon when his granddaughter Marisa arrived. Papa and Grandma never turned down an opportunity to spend time with Marisa, and they always beamed with pride at her accomplishments. He loved family dinners and celebrations, never missing one important moment in his daughter's and granddaughter's lives. Traveling together for beach vacations, graduations, weddings.... disappointments and celebrations, just being Dad. Floyd, Dad, Papa...was always there for his family, if you needed something fixed, some money, a ride, a hug, a story, or just some good advice!

Floyd lived a long and happy life, he mentioned that to his family often. That he was grateful and humbled that god had blessed him in this life, with his family, health and abundance. He was a friend to many, a pillar to his family who loved him dearly and we will miss him every day.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Fresno Memorial Gardens

175 S. Cornelia Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
5770 N. Maroa Avenue
Fresno, CA 93704

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Ken and Wanda Mancini lit a candle in memory of Floyd Bastiani



Ken and Wanda Mancini - July 13, 2024 at 10:19 PM

KM

“ Bastiani Family, we are saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved Floyd. Fond Memories of years ago here in San Joaquin. School activities with our kids, watching your girls and our 2 boys growing up in our little community. Floyd was a good man, remembering his friendship and kindness, may he rest in peace. Our deepest Sympathy to Lillian and family. Old friends, Kenneth & Wanda Mancini (San Joaquin, CA.)



Ken and Wanda Mancini - July 13, 2024 at 07:21 PM

SM

Thank you so much for your kind words. Many great memories of your family growing up together. Dad always had nice things to say about you both and Ken and Phillip 🙏

Susan McBride - July 16, 2024 at 12:02 PM

EL

“ Erik L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Floyd V. Bastiani.

Erik L. - July 12, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Floyd V. Bastiani.*



July 10, 2024 at 01:16 AM



“ *Matt & Diane Gilbert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Floyd V. Bastiani.*

Matt & Diane Gilbert - July 10, 2024 at 01:16 AM



“ *Love, Hannah Hawkins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Floyd V. Bastiani.*



Love, Hannah Hawkins - July 09, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *Jared West purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Floyd V. Bastiani.*



Jared West - July 04, 2024 at 08:47 PM

TK

“ *The Combs Kids purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Floyd V. Bastiani.*



The Combs Kids - July 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

TK

“ *The Combs Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Floyd V. Bastiani.*

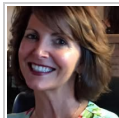
The Combs Kids - July 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

TS

“ *Lillian, Susan and Carol my heart aches for you. Your husband/dad was the best! He would always be the first "school" person we would see. I remember him picking the four of us kids up every morning and dropping us off every afternoon . He always had a big smile and hello for us all. He always was in a good mood and happy. He would get all of us in a good mind set to get ready for the school day. He was very special.*



Tami Smith - July 04, 2024 at 05:25 PM



🥹 beautifully said Tami❤️ so special!!! You have been part our home and friendship for as long as I can remember. 😊

Susan McBride - July 07, 2024 at 09:24 PM

LR

“ *My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Bastiani family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and may God comfort and console you in this time of grief and sorrow. Sincerely, Lorraine Rusconi*

LORRAINE RUSCONI - July 02, 2024 at 10:22 AM