



## Javier Mercado

August 5, 1957 - November 6, 2021

Javier Mercado passed away on November 6, 2021. He was born on August 5, 1957 to Calixto and Rosemary Mercado in San Joaquin, CA.

Javier joined the United States Marine Corps in August of 1974 and was honorably discharged in August of 1977. He then worked for the U.S Forest Service for over 20 years. He was apart of the Indigenous Warriors Flag Group and also, the Marine Corps League Fresno Detachment 014. He's been with Making Spirits Bright for 28 years. Every year, around this time, he looked forward to volunteering with both Making Spirits Bright and Toy for Tots. It brought him so much joy to know he was helping others.

When Javier wasn't telling you one of his many stories, you could probably find him in the McDonald's drive thru getting what to him was a fresh cup of joe or at home, in his recliner watching one of his western shows on grit tv.

Javier is survived by his daughter Kristina (Mark) Noriega; stepsons Jason (Veronica) and Joey (Destiny) Armstrong granddaughters Marisa (Adam) Delavega; Adrianna (Rob "Leonardo") Noriega; Makayla Armstrong; and Sage Armstrong; grandson Mark Noriega Jr; and his Great Grandchildren Jeremiah and Isabella Delavega.

Services will be held Friday, November 19 at 2pm at the Chapel of the Light.

In Lieu of Flowers Memorial donations may be made to the Indigenous Warriors Flag Group, Making Spirits Bright, or Toys for Tots.

Indigenous Warriors Flag Group:

Central Valley Community Bank

Angelica Tovar

8375 North Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93720

(559) 323-3497 NMLS ID 1918235 IWFG Tax ID: 86-2976767 or to

Making Sprits Bright: (designate amount to Making Spirits Bright)

<https://app.mobilecause.com/form/61NzGg?vid=ndce4> or to Toys for Tots:

[https://marinetoysoftots.salsalabs.org/localdonationform/index.html?fun\\_local\\_campaign\\_designation=CA-Fresno&scf\\_unit\\_code\\_supporter=CA-Fresno&fun\\_unit\\_location=CA-Fresno](https://marinetoysoftots.salsalabs.org/localdonationform/index.html?fun_local_campaign_designation=CA-Fresno&scf_unit_code_supporter=CA-Fresno&fun_unit_location=CA-Fresno)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728  
michael@chapelofthelight.com  
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Javier Mercado*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



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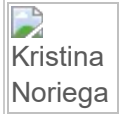
**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - November 18, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *I sure am going to miss you uncle Javier kid jokes your funny faces and the way he would try to be grouchy all the time. You had such a big heart and so much love for all the volunteer work that you did in the community. And you are one of the best cooks in the family. Love you and miss you I am still in shock that you are gone. Watch over your family they are hurting 💔 and missing you so much.*



**Michelle Mercado-Young** - November 15, 2021 at 09:37 PM



Kristina Noriega

*Thank you so much for sharing cousin and for that last part💕 Love you*

**Kristina Noriega** - November 17, 2021 at 01:41 AM



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*RIP MY BROTHER REALLY GOING TO MISS YOU!  
LOVE YOU💕*

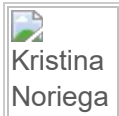
**Victoria Mercado-Pérez** - November 17, 2021 at 05:56 PM



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*“ Damn Javy, my brother in arms as a Vietnam Vet and Forest Service Vet I will miss you my old friend. Woll remembers er the good times on the District but especially at Making Spirits Bright where you could always be found working in the kitchen. I will always remember our last one together in 2019 and I got to play The Big Guy that year. Prayers to all of your family and to all who knew you. Sempet Fi and Peace to you brother.*

**Karl Muehlberg** - November 14, 2021 at 04:15 PM



Kristina Noriega

*Thank you friend sharing and for the prayers💕*

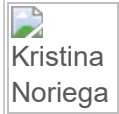
**Kristina Noriega** - November 17, 2021 at 01:43 AM



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*“ Brother Thank you for your Military service and your giving Spirit- You had a calling to share your loving heart- It warmed my heart seeing my great grandchildren enjoy your playful spirit- Fly on Eagle wings -Will see you later “ Mas alla del soul” hermanito- You are totally restored into a new body 🙌🙏💕🌹🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸*

**Ruth Padilla** - November 14, 2021 at 03:07 PM



Kristina Noriega



**Kristina Noriega** - November 17, 2021 at 01:44 AM



“ *Lisa Francis lit a candle in memory of Javier Mercado*



**Lisa Francis** - November 14, 2021 at 02:02 PM



Kristina Noriega

*Thank you*

**Kristina Noriega** - November 17, 2021 at 01:45 AM