



Robert Estrada Medrano

January 14, 1933 - June 30, 2025

Robert was born on January 14, 1933 in Hanford California and passed away on June 30, 2025 in Fresno, California. He served in the U.S. Army and returned home to start a career in welding and metal fabrication and retired from Vendolator. During his life he had a passion for building and racing stock cars. He belonged to the 56 car club in San Fernando, Ca. along side his brother Arturo Medrano. He eventually migrated to Fresno with his family and raced alongside his son Bobby Medrano at legendary Kings Speedway.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents Pedro and Mary Medrano, Wife – Rose Marie Medrano, Son – Robert Paul Medrano, Brothers – Pedro Jr. and Arturo Medrano, Sisters Alice Nunez and Irene German.

Robert is survived by his daughter Madiline Rodriguez and husband Robert. Grandsons Robert Rodriguez and wife Stephanie, Mark Rodriguez and wife Ana and daughter Lexi. Granddaughter's Michelle Moore and husband Kit, Chrissy McCombs, and Yvonne Medrano. Great Grandchildren Taylor, Jonathan, Aaron, Christian, Triston, Madison, Cameron, Kiley, Sabrina and Great Great Grandchild Miles James McCombs. His memory will be carried with us all for many years to come, but #56 will live forever.

A Memorial Niceside Service will be held at Saint Peters Cemetery on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Saint Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Nicheside Service

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ When I was a little girl, the exciting times were going to the race track with my dad. With my mom and brother in the upper stands. I would go down close to the track to get a close up look at my dad in his car. With excitement I would be jumping and yelling just waiting for my dad in the lineup of cars. I saw his car coming. I was yelling DAD!!! continuously jumping up and down hoping he would see me. But with the loud motors who would be able to hear me. Feeling a little disappointed at one moment. I kept my eyes on my dad. All of a sudden he turned my way and waved. You've never seen a little girl so excited in her life. It is a moment I will never forget.



Madiline Marie (Medrano) Rodriguez - July 25, 2025 at 02:40 AM

EH

This is very true I remember this very moment my aunt Josie were pack us up a snack to go and sodas and water in an ice chest with pillows and blankets cuz we knew it'd be cold in the night we would go to the racetrack and look forward to seeing Robert and sunny racing it was exciting I remember not only that my Uncle Robert was a great man I remember times staying over there in the summer with my cousin Madeline and Mom her mom and her brother Bobby who I cherished we had a lot of fun together we did crazy stuff I mean not crazy like that but crazy funny stuff crazy things we have done I don't know if Madeline remembers this but we went to go cut some dried peaches and my hands are getting all cut up but I did it because I wanted to raise money to get gifts for my family but I enjoyed being out there on the ranch running through the fields eating meeting some people that live across the the way I loved it out there I remember there was a time when I didn't even want to go home my mom set my dad to pick me up and then I would tell my dad I don't want to go home I want to stay here I was starting to love Fresno because it's quietness houses were far apart but yet we all had fun together I enjoyed their company life goes on and you wonder why you didn't visit the way you used to but there's one thing in my heart that I'll never forget is my Uncle Robert he's the best uncle a person could ask for sweet kind and always joking around that's what I loved about him the most that's the man I remember well I know it's sad to say goodbye but I will see him soon because this is not our home not our actual home so I will see him in heaven with my mom my grandma and my aunt May he rest in peace he's always loved and will always continue being loved he knows me as Chacha that they all call me Liz or skinny I miss you Uncle Robert always will

Elizabeth Hequet - July 30, 2025 at 08:49 PM

MR

*I love it. Yes we did have some great times. You will always be Chacha.
Madiline*

Madiline Rodriguez - August 11, 2025 at 02:29 AM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - July 22, 2025 at 07:35 PM

MR

“ Mark R. lit a candle in memory of Robert Medrano



Mark R. - July 22, 2025 at 12:13 AM

SC

“ Sonia Capuchino-Zuniga lit a candle in memory of Robert Medrano



Sonia Capuchino-Zuniga - July 15, 2025 at 06:32 PM

LS

“ I want to offer my condolences to Bobs family.He had a long life and was stubborn and did it his way one could say.We met at New Covent church at grief hare on Tues nights .He had lost his wife of 56 yrs if I remember it right,and Becky another member that attended grief share she had lost her husband as well as myself Lynette.I had lost my adult daughter Lexy. We remained friends after going for about 6 months to grief share and church services on Sundays.Bob would bring pineapple upside down cakes he said his wife use to make.He spoke of caring for her and that he enjoyed caring for her rose garden,I think he missed the so being needed by her.He cried speaking of her memory and missing her.

We as a 3 some would go dutch,Bob,Becky and I we would meet for lunches SAls on the patio at Alluvial and Fresno street,Dic Clccos at Nees and Cedar ,Thatoe Joes Herndon and Cedar Dennys Blackstone and Herndon we met on Weds at the Kaiser hospital farmers markets and a few times at my daughters grave.He mentioned bowling with relatives an aunt or some lady's he went to weekly.Also mentioned being proud of a granddaughter that worked at Valley Children's hospital,I think her name was Lexi.He mentioned being diabetic and testing his blood sugar by his finger, we tried telling him to do it on his cell phone.He played Santa one yr for my grandkids ,I gave him a Santa outfit.One of my grandkids said;I think he's the Macys Santa because his beard moves.He seemed to enjoy that and it gave him something to do.I told he needed to practice the reindeers names .Becky and I visited Bod at Kaiser when he had his Hip surgery.Think it was the first one,He mentioned hating the rehab facility he couldn't wait to get home from.Bob mentioned Dennys and thinking he was getting poisoned,I thought it was dementia setting in.Our meeting for lunches for the 3 of us became further and further apart as i became busier and after 3 yrs had to go back to work.We always all paid for our own lunches,I took brownies with nuts that he loved with coffee,At Sals he d order rancheros waveos.Bob would bring this candy in a small box with 6 or so pieces.I'm trying to spell the name right,with the hazel nuts 🌰 in it.Ferro something.Anyhow I graciously thanked him,But he kept bringing it for lunches,I'd bring apple pie or cookies

or homemade brownies. Finally I said Bob, I think I know you well enough to be honest with you. Please switch to a candy I like. I don't like that kind at all, it was a relief to tell him, so in the mail I received a box of it again, I thought gosh darn Bob I just told you I dislike that candy, maybe he has dementia. Well being the jokester he was, he'd removed that candy and used the box for the red Linden's truffles I liked. We had a laugh about that. I'm trying to locate the pictures I took of Bob being Santa. It was maybe 12 yrs ago when my grandkids were younger and in the believe or not to believe stage. I always believed there is a Santa 🙈👶🎄! Bob spoke of tractoring and working on his car oil changes ect. Also of him driving to the wife's grave sight to put on flowers, I believe he put some fresh flowers from her garden. I never visited his house, and he was only here twice, once to see where I lived for Santa and for the evening itself. Bob was busy with scurrying around with conversations with Dennys staff on Shields I believe, and Kaiser receptionists. He loved to talk about them. I never met any of them. He had much more free time than I know he was lonesome. He meant well and I enjoyed our friendship. He did mention his daughter and numerous grandkids and potluck's. Bless him! 🙏
Warm Regards, Lynette' Spino 🙏

Lynette Spino - July 14, 2025 at 12:05 PM

LS

“ Lynette Spino lit a candle in memory of Robert Medrano



Lynette Spino - July 09, 2025 at 10:55 AM