



## Sgt. Rod Lucas

January 20, 1970 - October 31, 2016

Rod Barron Lucas was born on January 20, 1970 in Fresno, California and left us on October 31, 2016 in Fresno, California at the age of 46.

Rod grew up in Tranquillity, California and was involved in sports starting with Pop Warner football. Then in high school he was into football and wrestling. He also enjoyed karate with his three brothers and father at Moore's Karate Studio in Madera with Shifu Meeks. Later in his life he was a student at Reedley Jr. College, West Hills Jr. College in Coalinga and then Chico State University in Chico, Ca. He played at all three schools.

During his time in the Sheriff Department he was a gold medal winner in boxing during the Police Olympic Competition held in Fresno. He was also awarded the Medal of Honor from the Sheriffs Department in 2010. His fondest hobbies were fishing, hunting, boxing and jujitsu.

Rod started his law enforcement career at the Firebaugh Police Department in 1994. He started the Boy's and Girl's Club there and was always willing to reach out to kids who needed guidance. Rod started with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department in 1996. He was assigned to Area one in the San Joaquin-Tranquillity area as a patrolman. He then went into the narcotics unit and later became a sergeant.

Rod met the love of his life, Jami at West Hills College in 1989. They began their lives together on August 7, 1990. They settled in Tranquillity, Ca. and had four children, Oscar, Ashley, Gianna and Elijah who filled their lives with great pride and joy! All of the kids followed their Dad's love of sports and church. Years later Rod and family settled in Lemoore, Ca.

The family would like to thank the deputies, E.M.T.'s and the emergency room staff at Fresno Community Medical Center for there valiant efforts to save his life and there kindness and compassion for the family he left behind. We would also ask for continued prayers for his family as well as for the detective and his family in this tragedy.

Rod is survived by his wife Jami. His four children, Oscar, Ashley, Gianna and Elijah. And one grandson Nathan. He is also survived by his parents John Lucas and Ruth Lucas. His brothers Rance and Rick Lucas. Niece Kayla and nephews Trevor, Julian, Logan and Rick Joseph. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother Shirley Holder. And many Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Rod was preceded in death by his brother Roe John Lucas. His paternal grandmother Lorraine Lucas. Paternal grandfather Orlando "Sook" Lucas and his maternal grandfather Bill Holder.

Services Entrusted To  
CHAPEL OF THE LIGHT FUNERAL HOME

# Cemetery Details

## Lemoore Cemetery

1441 N. Lemoore Avenue  
Lemoore, CA 93245

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

People's Church  
7172 N. Cedar Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93720

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Sgt. Rod Lucas*



**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - November 09, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *Sgt. Rod Lucas*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Celeste Paris lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Rod Lucas*



**Celeste Paris** - November 10, 2016 at 06:01 PM



“ *GloriaRenteria lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Rod Lucas*



**GloriaRenteria** - November 10, 2016 at 08:16 AM

BR

“ I ordered and left this at the end of the bar for you today brother.  
With honor and respect.



Brandon - November 10, 2016 at 12:31 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Rod and working with him at the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. An amazing, kind and God fearing man he was! May you dance with the angels my friend. You will be missed but never forgotten. Gloria (Jaramillo) Contreras



Gloria Contreras - November 09, 2016 at 01:33 PM

FG

“ Friends at the Mendota Pentecostal Church of God purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Sgt. Rod Lucas.



Friends at the Mendota Pentecostal Church of God -  
November 08, 2016 at 03:39 PM

AM

“ *Our Deepest condolences to The Lucas family, God Bless You*



Artemisa Molina Miller - November 07, 2016 at 08:53 PM



Deborah Crouch-Cooper

“ *Deborah Crouch-Cooper lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Rod Lucas*



Deborah Crouch-Cooper - November 07, 2016 at 01:33 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Bridgeford lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Rod Lucas*



Sharon Bridgeford - November 07, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Sgt. Rod Lucas.*



November 07, 2016 at 03:01 AM

AN

“ *Anna lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Rod Lucas*



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**Anna** - November 07, 2016 at 02:06 AM



“ *Verna Brackett-Rackley lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Rod Lucas*



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**Verna Brackett-Rackley** - November 07, 2016 at 12:23 AM

MG

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to you all. May God give you the peace that you seek.*



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**Marie Garza** - November 06, 2016 at 10:53 PM

MG

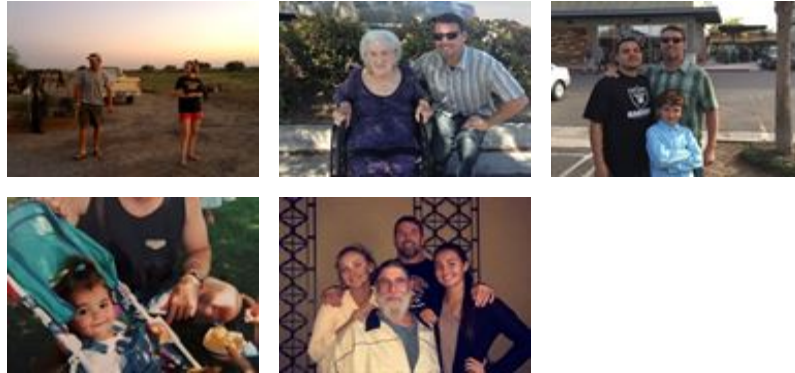
“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Mathews Gonsalves** - November 06, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ 137 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - November 05, 2016 at 04:49 PM

DC

“ *Rance may God be with you at this tragic time of your life. I'm praying for you and your family. I'm deeply heart broken.*

**Denise Ciano** - November 03, 2016 at 11:59 AM

MM

“ *On behalf of our staff, we wish to express our heartfelt condolences to Jami and the Lucas family. May the memories you have of Rod comfort and console you during this time.*

*Sincerely,  
Michael Rabara, General Mgr  
And staff of Chapel of the Light*

**Michael Rabara, General Mgr.** - November 02, 2016 at 07:39 PM

LI

“ he was my best friend when we were small children even cut our fingers and mixed our blood so we would be blood brothers,i remember we left the house once to walk to the laundry mat to find our parents like a couple little troopers,everybody was so worried about where we went,I always missed our bond from our childhood,he wanted me to join the force with him, I wish I would have

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**larry perondi III** - November 01, 2016 at 11:31 PM

 Janie Rocha

“ Our condolences to Rick, Ruth, boys, his wife and children. Rodney was always such a nice young man, grew up to be an outstanding pillar of the community. May God give you peace in these trying times. Praying for you. Love Rod and Janie Rocha

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**Janie Rocha** - November 01, 2016 at 08:38 PM