



Terry Surabian

December 20, 1946 - November 20, 2024

Charles Terry Surabian, the eldest of three sons, was born on December 20, 1946 to Charles and Rose Surabian in Fresno, California.

Terry graduated from Washington Union High School in 1965 and later attended Fresno City College and Fresno State University. He worked as a land surveyor and survey party chief for both the County of Fresno and City of Fresno, respectively, for over 38 years.

Terry married his wife, Janice, in November of 1972. In May of 1989, they proudly welcomed their daughter, Jessica, into the world. She was the light of his life.

Terry never met a person he couldn't talk to and was a man of many talents and hobbies. He could fix anything at his beloved "service center", always enjoyed planting his annual garden and curing olives, created beautiful stained glass, raised his yard full of sago palms from seeds and spent time fishing, practicing archery and going to the gun ranges.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Rose Surabian, brother Jack Surabian and sister-in-law Carolyn, and in-laws Jerry and Eva Rudolph. He is survived by his wife Janice Surabian, only child Jessica Surabian, brother Tim Surabian, brother-in-law Glenn Rudolph, one niece and three

nephews.

The family extends a special thank you to his dedicated caregiver of six years, Perla, along with the caring staff at The California Armenian Home. Your support, patience, and kindness through this oftentimes difficult journey has meant a lot.

A Memorial Service will be held for close family and friends at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The California Armenian Home or San Joaquin Memorial High School.

I love you forever, Beaky.
Always, your Lil Beakster.

Cemetery Details

Fresno Memorial Gardens

175 S. Cornelia Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 11:30 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I met Terry when I began work at Fresno County Surveys. What a character! He didn't suffer fools gladly or tolerate people cutting into the pecking order and was selective in his choice of confidants. He was very talented and knowledgeable and had a good work ethic, but also knew how to share down time. I'm grateful for the 4 years I got to know him and our pleasant conversations. Rest in peace dear man. Gary Hall

gary hall - September 10, 2025 at 11:26 AM

TK

“ I just learned of Terry's passing...My Husband and I met Terry at The Spot Archery during archery league. Terry was always happy and so much fun, he will be missed, such a sweet man. Prayers for the family God bless you all

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Dennis & Tammy Kerby



Tammy Kerby - June 09, 2025 at 03:18 PM

JN

“ So sorry to hear about Terry's passing. Got to know Terry some twenty years ago. Enjoy his energy level. Great guy. RIP. 🙏
Sincerely Jerry Najarian.

JERRY NAJARIAN - December 10, 2024 at 07:02 PM

SE

“ Stephen Eurgubian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry Surabian.

Stephen Eurgubian - December 02, 2024 at 08:45 PM

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“ Stephen Eurgubian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Terry Surabian.



Stephen Eurgubian - December 02, 2024 at 08:45 PM

FV

“ Freer Family, Judy, Kristi and Valerie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Terry Surabian.



Freer Family, Judy, Kristi and Valerie - December 02, 2024 at 01:29 PM

FF

“ Fresno County Surveyors Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terry Surabian.



Fresno County Surveyors Family - December 02, 2024 at 10:48 AM

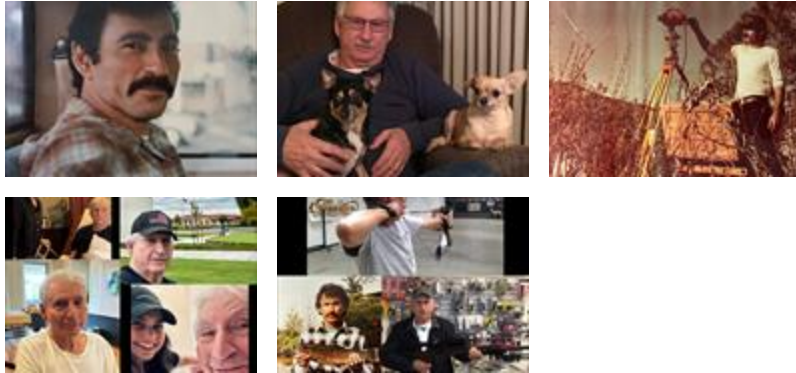
DF

“ Deborah F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry Surabian.

Deborah F. - December 01, 2024 at 04:39 PM

JS

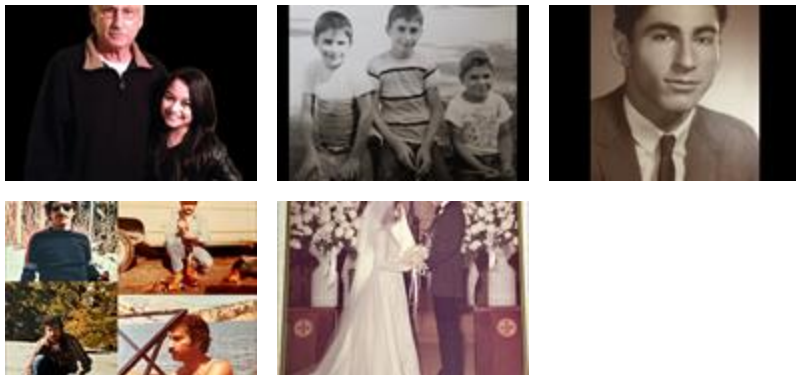
“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jessica Surabian - November 26, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JS

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Jessica Surabian - November 26, 2024 at 12:24 AM

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“ Lisa And Rhoma lit a candle in memory of Terry Surabian



Lisa and Rhoma - November 25, 2024 at 08:33 PM