



Steven Ralph Parks

February 14, 1941 - November 4, 2024

Steven Ralph Parks, born on February 14, 1941, in Los Angeles, California, passed away on

November 4, 2024, in Buena Park, California, at the age of 83. A devoted family man, creative

tinkerer, and lifelong learner, Steve impacted the lives of those around him with his knowledge,

strength of conviction, and affability.

Steve graduated from North High School in 1958 and went on to establish his own car stereo

business, The Stereo Room, in Garden Grove, California. He later worked as a dedicated bus

driver for the Orange County Transit Authority until 2001. After retiring and moving to Corning,

California, Steve worked as an almond farmer contracted with Blue Diamond, a venture he

continued until 2022.

Steve married Gail LaRue in 1966, and together they had a daughter, a son, and two

granddaughters. In 1993, Steve married Carolyn Peterson, becoming a stepfather to her three

sons and a stepgrandfather to her five grandchildren.

A true jack of all trades, Steve was known for his resourcefulness and

intellectual curiosity. He explored a wide range of interests throughout his life, including home and automotive repair, furniture upholstery, antique restoration, geology, prospecting, bodybuilding, economics, theology, and, of course, agriculture. Steve was also an enthusiastic amateur inventor, constantly working on new ideas and projects to assist in working his farm. He worshipped at New Life Assembly of God, and he enjoyed giving instructional speeches at The Grange in Corning. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Willard; his mother, Dureene; his brothers, David and Dale (Cheryl); his wife, Carolyn; and his stepson, Chris. He is survived by his sister, Carol; his brother, Michael (Rebecca); his daughter, Shila (Rob); his son, Steven; his stepsons, Don (Cathy) and Ed (Lori); his granddaughters, Kayla and Kasandra; and his stepgrandchildren, Ryli, Joshua (Sara), Sarah (David), Eric, Daniel, and Lindsey. Steve will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and loved ones. His legacy continues on in the lives of all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Hall Brothers Corning Mortuary
902 Fifth Street
Corning, CA 96021
hallbrothersmort@gmail.com
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Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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Graveside Service

NOV **22**. 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM (PT)

Sunset Hill Cemetery
4470 Oren Avenue
Corning, CA 96201
(530) 824-2255