



## Armando Jose Fernandez Jr

July 5, 1950 - February 9, 2017

Everything has a beginning and an end. The family of Armando and Pilar Barraza Fernandez began with the birth of their first born son, Armando Jose Fernandez, Jr., on July 5, 1950, in San Luis Obispo on the beautiful Central Coast – followed by siblings Robert, Alejandro, Maria and Arthur.

In the mid 50's, the Fernandez family migrated from the Central Coast to the San Francisco Bay Area (Oakland, Berkeley), where Armando attended elementary, junior and high school. At the young age of 19, Armando was drafted into the army and served his country in the Vietnam War 1969-1971. Private First Class Fernandez was a sharpshooter, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his honorable discharge, he returned to the Bay Area and lived here for the remainder of his life – he loved living in Berkeley for many years.

Armando was a lifelong Teamster Local 15, and worked for P.I.E., Safeway Stores, Atlas Foundry and other local companies, maintaining a strong work ethic as taught by both of his parents. In 1981, Armando became a father to Anita Fernandez. Throughout his life, the effects of the Vietnam War remained with him, and brought him many challenges; challenges that he met courageously by involving himself actively in counseling and supporting other Veterans, participating in studies of the effect of Agent Orange and Post

Tramatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) on Vietnam Veterans. Armando received many certificates of honor and appreciation. Armando's life has an end, but the best part him – his love for his family- will continue on in all of us, especially in Alexia & Breana – the granddaughters he cherished.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center  
1331 San Pablo Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 525-1331  
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

## Mass

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church  
1146 Gilman Street  
Berkeley, CA 94706

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Armando Jose Fernandez Jr*

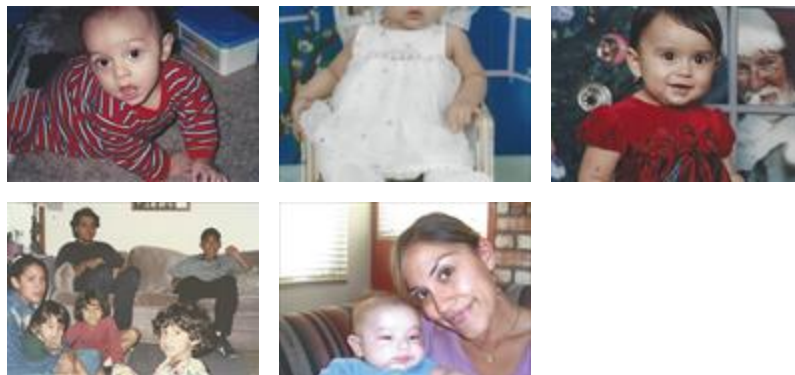


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**Harris Funeral Home** - February 21, 2017 at 07:31 PM



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