



Ralph Berger

October 20, 1939 - May 23, 2026

Ralph Berger, 86, of Chino, California, passed away on May 23, 2026. Ralph Berger spent 86 years making the most of every day. Along the way, he collected friends, embraced adventures, and shared his love of classic cars leaving behind enough stories to fill a garage and enough laughter to last a lifetime.

A retired Chino Fire Captain and 60+ year Chino resident, Ralph was known for his sense of humor, his kindness, and his ability to make friends wherever he went. Whether at a car show, a community event, or simply around town, Ralph never met a stranger for long.

For more than 50 years, Ralph volunteered as Santa Claus, carrying on a family tradition after his father passed away in the 1960s. Through generations of children and families, he shared the same joy and Christmas spirit that had inspired him as a young boy.

Ralph is survived by his son, Eric Berger; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Those who knew Ralph know he would not want to be remembered with long faces and tears alone. He would much rather be remembered through shared stories, laughter among friends, and a friendly discussion about which classic car was truly the best ever made.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Calvary Chapel Chino Valley, 12205 Pipeline Ave. in Chino.