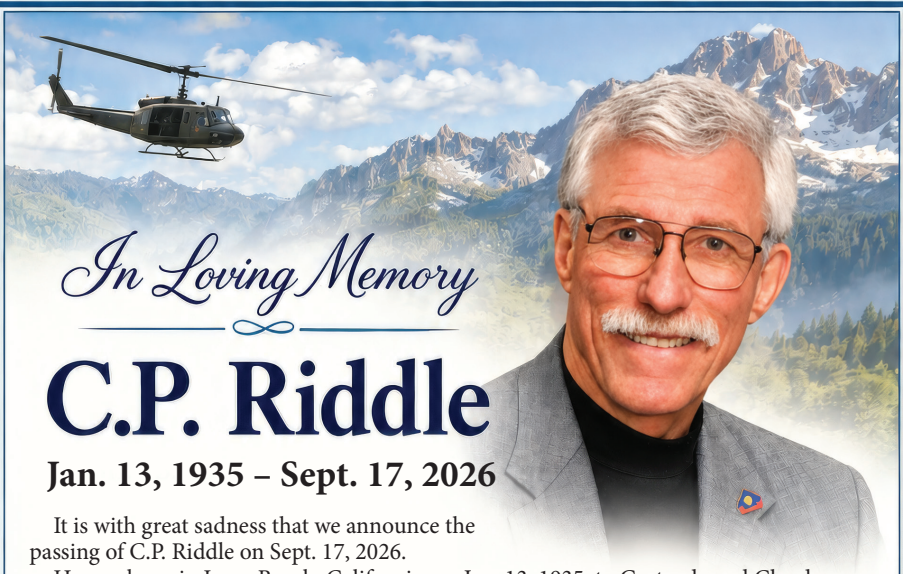


In Loving Memory

C.P. Riddle

Jan. 13, 1935 – Sept. 17, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of C.P. Riddle on Sept. 17, 2026.

He was born in Long Beach, California, on Jan. 13, 1935, to Gertrude and Claude Riddle. He grew up two blocks from the ocean in Long Beach with his two brothers, Larry and Tom, and the ocean became his favorite backyard pool.

He joined the military at age 18 and became a helicopter pilot for the California National Guard, logging more than 8,000 hours of flight time. One of his notable accomplishments was rescuing a hiker from Mount Whitney in challenging conditions. He retired with the rank of Colonel and the state rank of Brigadier General. He dedicated 39 years of his life to the military and his country and was immensely proud to do so.

He loved his family, flying and giving back to the community. He served on a number of boards, including as chairman of the board for the Stockton Boys & Girls Club, United Way, Easterseals and the Stockton Asparagus Festival. He served with the Asparagus Festival for more than 20 years and was president of the board twice. He was a longtime member of Stockton Rotary and also served on the boards of Tracy Learning Center and the Grand Theatre in Tracy.

His positive attitude and strong leadership were admired by many. He never shied away from a challenge.

He met his wife, Kimberly, his soulmate and the love of his life, in 1999 and became a father again in 2002 at age 67, when Sydney was born. He was so excited to become a father again and treasured every moment.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Kimberly; his daughter, Sydney Hernandez and her husband, Victor; his daughter, Teresa Riddle; and his son, Phillip Riddle and his wife, Linda. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jessie Adams, Morgan Grijalva, Jason Grijalva, Raymond Grijalva and Brett Yost, and their families, including eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Jeannie Riddle. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Life for C.P. will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Tracy Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2025 Holly Drive, Tracy.