



Louie Hernandez

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Louie Hernandez, 83 of Upland, California passed away on January 1st, 2026. Louie enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1963 and volunteered for Special Forces duty. He was awarded his qualification as a Special Forces Weapons Sergeant in 1964 and assigned to the 5th SFG (A) in Vietnam (B-52). Completing his combat tour, Louie returned stateside and was honorably discharged from active duty in 1966. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Parachutist's Badge. After his discharge, Louie joined the Pomona Police Department and served for 34 years. He is survived by his sons (Louie, Nick) and daughters (Alexandra, Elyse). A funeral service was held at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Claremont, California on January 12th, 2026. Interment is at the church cemetery.

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Upland, California

Special Forces

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Son, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, soldier, police officer, and beloved friend to many, Louie R Hernandez Jr. passed away on January 1, 2026. Louie was born December 19, 1942, to Louie and Mickey Hernandez, longtime residents of Claremont, CA. Louie Jr. attended Claremont schools and graduated from Claremont High in 1960. He attended Chaffey College, and in later years completed his master's degree at LaVerne College and went on to complete his doctorate at Pepperdine University.

He joined the Army in 1963, completed basic and airborne training, and went on to become a Green Beret. He served our country in Vietnam 1964-65 and was awarded the Bronze Star for exemplary service in combat. After his completion of military service, he joined the Pomona Police Department in 1967, serving for 34 years and retiring as a Lieutenant. Post retirement, he worked for several years at Pomona Valley Hospital as Head of Security.

He was also a competitive power lifter and received numerous national and world awards in his weight class.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters: Louie Hernandez III, Nick Hernandez, Alexandra Hernandez, and Elyse Haynes. He is also survived by two sisters: Rose French and Susan Hernandez Tarvin.