



Albert Lonzo Crenshaw

October 25, 1928 - April 18, 2024

Albert L. Crenshaw went home to be with the Lord on April 18, 2024. Born on October 25, 1928 in Porum, Oklahoma, Albert often talked of days spent hunting for bird nests in the Oklahoma woods, breaking horses, farming the land, riding his horse Chico, and falling in love with his sweetheart Betty Jean Ellis. Albert and Betty married in 1950, eventually settling in California. They had two daughters: Pamela Kay and Cindra Lou. Albert and Betty returned to his beloved Oklahoma to enjoy retirement for 25 years before moving back to California to be near their daughters.

Albert was a strong man of God, recognized for his sound judgement and integrity both in the church and his every day life. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. His passions were hunting, traveling, playing guitar and singing, and most of all making knives. He became well known as A. Crenshaw, custom knife maker, always ready to help someone learn the skill, and always ready to talk knives.

Albert is preceded in death by his parents, 5 of his 6 siblings, and his sweetheart of 69 years of marriage - Betty Jean. Albert is survived by his sister Goldie Monehan, daughters Pamela Kay Lemen (daughter Christen Whalen and son Jeremy Lemen) and Cindra Lou Cochran (spouse Keith Cochran, sons Samuel Cochran and Kevin Cochran (Nikki Cochran), 4 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Albert was an extraordinary man who cared and provided for his family. He loved his wife and daughters above all else except our Lord. He will be deeply missed.

Pam and Cindra extend their gratitude to American Hospice for their compassionate love and support during Albert's last weeks of life. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Fran Peterson - American Care Hospice Foundation.

Graveside services will be held 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at Grangeville Cemetery, 10428 14th Ave, Armona.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Grangeville Cemetery
10428 14th Ave.
Armona, CA 93202

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Albert Lonzo Crenshaw*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 25, 2024 at 10:45 AM

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“ *I'm just now learning of the passing of both Al and Betty. I first met both of them I believe in 2006 in Rogers, AR at a knife show. I instantly connected with both of them as they reminded me of my aunt and uncle (especially in the straw cowboy hat he wore) that had also passed. I learned a lot about both of them through the knife world and I still own several of his knives today that I take pride of within my collection. I even have one of his earliest knives he made in California, I think made in the 80's. However, it was more than knives it was about connection and friendship we created. They will always have a special place in my heart and will greatly be missed until I see them again.*

Boyd Rice - September 06, 2025 at 10:22 PM

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“ *Sending love and fond memories of Albert. He lived a wonderful full life with many memorable achievements. His skill at knife making was truly a gift of beauty. I loved hearing the stories of his young life and the terrific adventures he and Betty had. So glad to have him as my great-uncle.*

Allan Moneyhan

Allan Moneyhan - May 01, 2024 at 02:34 PM

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“ *Mobile Webcast from the Graveside Service at Grangeville Cemetery on May 1st at 10am.*

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Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 25, 2024 at 10:47 AM