



## Alfred William Meinhold

October 25, 1935 - January 2, 2026

Alfred William Meinhold, 90, of Visalia, California died on January 2, 2026 after a short illness. He was born on October 25, 1935 in Casper, WY and raised in Big Creek, CA.

Al graduated Fresno State with a mechanical engineering degree. While a student, he met Gloria Magnuson who became his wife in 1958. After marrying they moved to Tulare, CA. He worked at Brott mechanical and then became a partner at Visalia Refrigeration. In 1978, Al and his family moved to the country in Visalia, which started his farming career owning Sierra View Farms, initially growing walnuts and plums.

In 1982, Al bought the Tule River Walnut Dehydrator and welcomed business partner, Jim Means, in 1984. Through the years, the two built and rebuilt the dehydrator. Al never retired.

After becoming a widower in 1996, Al met Ann James, who became his second wife. They were together 28 years.

Al was a long time member of Tulare Elks, he served on the Builder's Exchange, and he was involved with the Tulare Sharks. He was a generous man with a big heart. He loved his family and his friends. He had the ability to chat with anyone. His strong work ethic is an example to all. Many of his long

time friendships were maintained by meeting for daily coffee and rolling dice to see who would pay. Al will be greatly missed.

Al is survived by his wife, Ann, daughter Debbie Thompson, son Gary Meinhold (Mary Alice), step-son Otto Treadwell (Kim), step-son Thor Treadwell (Maureen) and 4 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren (with two more on the way), He is predeceased by his parents, three siblings, wife Gloria, and great-granddaughter, Harper.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the TDES hall in Tulare at 515 N. I St on February 6, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 6. 11:30 AM (PT)

TDES Hall  
515 N. I Street  
Tulare, CA 93274

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred William Meinhold.*



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February 04 at 06:39 PM



“ *Many very good memories of Al and his family. RIP.*

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**Chuck Sanford** - January 08 at 10:20 AM



“ *Time passes too quickly. Sending grace and mercy to envelope you Gary. Condolences to your family. Hard working family man remembered.*

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**Debra Cottrell** - January 07 at 12:45 PM



*I have known Al for many years. Always happy, always smiling, and always ready with an uplifting comment. He will be missed not only by his family, but by the multitude of friends he accumulated over the years. May his memory be a blessing.*  
*Paul Atlas*

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**Paul Atlas** - January 07 at 04:05 PM