



## Baldemar "Baldy" Salmon

June 14, 1930 - November 21, 2024

Baldemar "Baldy" Salmon, a cherished resident of Visalia, California, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2024, at the age of 94. Born on June 14, 1930, in Loving, New Mexico, Baldy was a man whose life was a testament to his commitment to family, community, and country.

In his early years, Baldy resided in Tulare and, like many of his generation, answered the call to serve his nation. As a member of the United States Army, Baldy bravely fought in the Korean War, earning a Purple Heart and recognition of his courage and sacrifice. Upon returning from war, Baldy dedicated himself to serving his community as a police officer and in time venturing into sales, as a career that offered him the flexibility for his involvement in veterans affairs, most notably his work with Amvets, Post #56. Baldemar's tireless advocacy for veterans earned him the position of State Commander of California Amvets. Through his stewardship, he championed legislation to support the brave men and women of the Armed Forces, a testament to his foresight and advocacy spirit.

Baldy was lovingly described as "salt of the earth," embodying selflessness, care, and unwavering love and protection for his family and friends.

Baldy is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years Grace Salmon, whose union and love stood as the foundation of his life; his three daughters Jennifer

Salmon, Diane Lopez, and Renee Helm; grandchildren Alexander Griffin, John Lopez Jr., Ambrosia Mancillas, Ariane Mello, Lisa Martinez, Lenny and Lawrence Martinez. He is also survived by his siblings Corina Castro, Cruz Novak, Sally Haus, Paula Bocanegra, Ernie and Julian Salmon.

Baldy's life was a journey marked by service, love and dedication. As we reflect on his life, his memory will inspire future generations to live with the same integrity and dedication that he exemplified every day.

Viewing will be held 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 12:30 PM Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at Bakersfield National Cemetery, 30338 E. Bear Mtn. Blvd., Arvin.

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

## Viewing

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Graveside

DEC 3. 12:30 PM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery  
30338 E. Bear Mtn. Blvd.  
Arvin, CA 93203