



## Dan Ray Forbes

September 18, 1947 - February 13, 2022

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Dan Forbes passed away on February 13th, 2022 at his home in Visalia, CA after a long fight against Parkinson's Disease and chronic back pain. He died peacefully and was surrounded by his family and loved ones. Dan Ray Forbes was born in Hawthorne, California to Raymond H. Forbes and Freda Rohloff Forbes. Dan was an only child.

Dan grew up in Southern California where he first learned to love baseball, attending Dodgers games with his father at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in the late 1950's. Dan loved the game throughout his life and supported our local A team, The Visalia Rawhide. He particularly enjoyed going to Arizona each spring to watch the young players during Spring Training.

During Dan's teens he and his buddies were surfing every free minute, including Christmas Day! The guys even scraped together their change to pay for gas on a surfing trip to Mexico.

Dan attended El Camino Junior College after high school, obtaining an

Associate Degree in Electronics in 1967. After graduating, he joined the Army for three years.

Dan met his one and only love, Sandy, while at El Camino. They married in 1969 before he was posted in Thailand as part of the military's support team for the operations in Vietnam. In 1971 he was discharged from the Army.

During his time in the military, his interest in photography was cemented. He attended Fresno State, earning a degree in Photojournalism in 1979. He worked as a newspaper photographer, spent many years doing freelance work, eventually settling in his career as photo lab technician for the Kings County Sheriff's Department. He retired in 2002, just in time to help with his newborn grandson, Ryan.

Dan had a keen sense of humor and was very quick-witted. Anyone who spent more than 15 minutes in his company would remember his clever quips. Dan had many hobbies and interests that he pursued throughout his life, and always enjoyed being outdoors. Whether camping, hiking, jogging, skiing, gardening, or going to a baseball game, Dan had a strong desire to be outside and he loved every minute of it. He also loved music, the lyrics within, and attended live music in every city and country he and Sandy visited. Dan had a deep appreciation for all types of art, and when traveling he always made time to visit a museum. He also coached both of his children in youth sports, including softball, baseball, basketball and soccer. Dan's ultimate passion and pursuit in life was photography. He loved taking pictures of nature, family, and anything a little goofy.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents Freda and Ray Forbes. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Sandy Forbes, daughter Joni Hemphill and her husband Patrick, and son Jeff. Dan has five grandchildren and loved them all dearly: Ryan, Tessa, Sadie, Ellie and Avery.

Memorial services will be held 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Monday, March 7th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

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

## Memorial

MAR 7. 10:30 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Dan Ray Forbes*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - March 07, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Dan Ray Forbes*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - March 07, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dan holds a very special place in my heart. I will forever remember the attention and kindness he showed our mother over the many years following the death of our father!*

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**Jim Mote** - March 07, 2022 at 01:23 PM

RM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to my dear sister Sandy and all her family. I will miss Dan's quick wit but will cherish his wonderful photos of the Mote family get togethers. Loved the video and especially the photo with the bear.*



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**Roger Mote** - March 07, 2022 at 01:03 PM

DP

“ *Dianne and Bob Pittman purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dan Ray Forbes.*



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**Dianne and Bob Pittman** - March 02, 2022 at 06:54 PM

JC

“ So many memories and good times! Dinners together, out together to the blues concerts or clubs, coaching baseball for the girls. Little did I know when we met at the ball field, that we were neighbors only a few houses apart on Grant Ave in Redondo Beach for many years. I feel so blessed that we did finally meet, to share many good years as friends. VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS TO US BOTH!

You two always liked John Prine. Durning those times I was neutral on HIM (take it or leave it so to speak), but since your passing I can't get enough of his music. I think my favorite is "I Remember Everything" seems fitting now.

Our friendship was interrupted by our differences in our political beliefs, as many friendships have suffered in these crazy time. I'm sorry for that. Thankfully we still kept in touch and enjoyed watching the kids grow up and start their own famlies.

I feel like I've lost another brother and we will miss you so deeply.

Thank you for your friendship and may God bless you.

John & Annie

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**John Crabtree** - February 23, 2022 at 09:35 AM

SF

Thank you for this lovely tribute, John and Annie. These past few years we came to recognize that family and friends must overlook the minor differences and treasure what is important in life. Sandy

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**Sandy Forbes** - February 24, 2022 at 01:10 PM

DH

Sandy: Roger and I are so sorry to learn of Dan's passing. Praying comfort for you and your family.

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**darlene Haley** - March 02, 2022 at 08:05 PM

SL

*My name is Steve Lassere and played little league baseball with Dan back in 1957-1958 at Perry Park on Grant Ave. Dan's dad was the manager of our team the 7up Beavers. I lived at 2021 Huntington Lane. I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. RIP Dan.*

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**Steve Lassere** - January 16 at 09:57 PM