



## Donald James Black

May 21, 1930 - July 9, 2023

Donald James Black (Don) was born to Ray and Elsie Erickson on May 21, 1930 on a farm near Lake Alma in Saskatchewan, Canada. Tragically, his mother died during childbirth but a local family, Thom and Mary Black adopted him, allowing him to maintain a relationship with his biological siblings, Raymond, Opal, Evelyn, Merely, Joyce, Inez, and Norma.

Don married Doris (Dolly) Hibbard, farmed for a year, and then set out on a lifetime career in accounting. Ultimately, Don and Dolly settled in Visalia, California, where they retired. Dolly passed away in 2007 after a lengthy illness with Parkinson's disease. Throughout her illness, Don was a dedicated caretaker, visiting Dolly three times a day until her passing when her care needs necessitated a stay in an assisted living facility. Don and Mardel (Hilstein) were married from 2009 until her death from Parkinson's disease and COPD in 2017.

Don went to be in the presence of the Lord on July 9, 2023. He was preceded in death by his birth parents, Ray and Elsie Erickson, adopted parents, Thom and Mary Black, his Erickson brothers and sisters, son Eric Black, son-in-law Bryan Usui, first wife Doris Black, second wife Mardel Black, and grandson Thom Black Jr. Don is survived by his children, Mary Usui, Raymond Black (Sandye), Thom Black (Deborah), grandchildren Vanessa Usui (Kimberlee Stafford), Kris Black, Carlo J. Mitchell, Jr. (Leila), Theresa McNeill (Craig), Michael Robinson (Brooke), Ryan Robinson (Ashley), and Alexander Black, and great-grandchildren Achilles Andrews, River Andrews, Zachary Anderson,

Jack Duran, Kailyn Black, and twins, Quillen and Elowen Robinson.

Don was a member of Gateway Church in Visalia. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 11:00 am at the church (1100 S Sowell St., Visalia, CA

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 Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM.

church

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Dad's passing , I was doing some research and came across this obituary. He was a special man and helped my transition into the Black family with his wonderful sense of humour. I loved my time in the family while in California and will be forever grateful for his kindness. Janet

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**Janet Fulcher** - August 14, 2024 at 05:28 PM