



Doyle Paul Hoppert

August 16, 1941 - May 9, 2025

Doyle Paul Hoppert was born on August 16, 1941, to Bill and Jewell Hoppert in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He passed from this life to his heavenly home on May 9, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Doyle was the second of five children in his family. His father surrendered to the ministry when Doyle was a young boy, and they moved often. In 1957, the family made their way to San Leandro California and shortly thereafter moved to Corcoran, California where Doyle met the love of his life, Kay Odle Hoppert. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on April 28, 2025. Doyle and Kay were blessed with three children, nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a very large extended family.

Doyle joined the Tulare County Sheriff's Department in 1970 and began a career that would span 21 years. Doyle was one of the first peace officers from the state of California to attend and graduate from the FBI Sniper Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Completion of this training led to the establishment of the 1st SWAT Team in Tulare County. He rose through the ranks of the Department culminating in his position of Undersheriff under Sheriff Bob Wiley. He was an excellent Law Enforcement officer, Supervisor, and Administrator, as evidenced by his successful and respected career. Doyle stood for fairness and justice, and he used his many talents, skills, and abilities to protect and serve Tulare County. After retiring from the Sheriff's

department, he and Kay moved to Wyoming. Doyle was always known as a rugged individualist, and this was never more evident than when he became a true cowboy, a renowned hunting guide and a trail guide where he was popularly known as the Yodeling Cowboy. Returning to California in 1996, Doyle became a licensed real estate appraiser and established Hoppert Appraisal Service with his brother Harold, and sons Randy and Brandon.

Doyle was raised in the home of a Baptist preacher making faith a centerpiece of his life. But Doyle's faith was far more personal and real than just being raised that way. He was a man who believed in God, had faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and truly lived in a way that brought honor and glory to the Lord. He took every opportunity to lift his voice in song, whether using his beautiful tenor voice to glorify God or to entertain others with his genuine southern, cowboy charm.

Along with his deep faith, family was the driving force in Doyle's life. His wife and children were his crowning achievement, and he took pride in each of them. He was a loving husband and father and when his grandchildren and great grandchildren came along, each of them was a shining star in his world. He was beloved by all his nieces, nephews, and successive generations who each, in turn, came to know him as one of the greatest storytellers they ever knew. His legendary stories were rooted in his many adventures and were spun with joy, laughter, and a little bit of mischief. To say that he was loved is an understatement. He was the Dad, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle that everyone wishes they had. Even after being diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease, Doyle continued to be the center of his family. Those closest to him enjoyed his quick wit and ready laugh and loved the teasing and laughter that always accompanied a visit with him.

Doyle loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter. He shared this passion with his Dad, brothers, sons, grandsons, and other family and friends; many happy memories were made on the innumerable hunting trips they all shared.

Doyle is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years Kay Hoppert; children Rhonda Willis and husband Bob, Randy Hoppert and wife Debbie and Brandon Hoppert and wife Lisa; grandchildren Kaylea, John, Blain, Randy Jr., Ashley, Desiree, Megan, Erika, Florencio, Vincent, Hayley, Rylee, Emma; great grandchildren Cecilia, John Weaver, Rhett, Aliyah, and Elijah; sister Christine (Skip) Dill, sisters in love Fay White, Sandi (Richard) Ashford and Billie Sue Hoppert; many nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends. Doyle was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Bill Hoppert, Harold Hoppert and Dewayne Hoppert, brothers in love Doug Odle and Ron White and sisters in love Donna Hoppert and Glenda Hoppert.

The family would like to thank Ruth Wood Open Arms Hospice House (Kaweah Health Hospice Foundation) and staff for their incredible care during Dad's last week of life. Services will be graveside at Corcoran Cemetery, 4170 Waukena Ave., Corcoran on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM, and all family and friends are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Ruth Wood Open Arms Hospice House.

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 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Corcoran District Cemetery
4710 Waukena Avenue
Corcoran, CA 93212

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Doyle Paul Hoppert*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - May 15, 2025 at 01:11 PM

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“ *Mobile Webcast of the Committal Graveside Service on Saturday May 17, 2025 at Corcoran District Cemetery at 11am*

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Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapels - May 13, 2025 at 03:15 PM

JN

My sincere condolences to all of Doyle's families and friends. My parents became known to the Hoppert family in 1947 as neighbors. Became great friends throughout the years. As they moved to different cities, Mother & Jewel remained in contact. After Mother's death, I lost contact with the family. I was able to make contact with Carol through facebook. Was so happy to finally hear from her and her family. Doyle sent me some CD'S of his songs. I've enjoyed them immensely. May he Rest In Peace & his family receive comfort from our God in these days, & times ahead. My prayers are with you all!!

Joyce (Harris) Newton - May 15, 2025 at 07:25 AM

MH

“ I pulled up my contact favorites today and there was Harold Hoppert and Doyle Hoppert. I was privileged to play golf with them. My mentors(sometimes tormentors), and examples. The brothers were too competitive to root for each other. But I loved it and them. I want to say to all the Hoppert brothers...as a song says ...knowing you'll be there makes it easy to go home. See y'all soon.

Monte Hoppert - May 17, 2025 at 09:15 PM

CH

“ My beloved uncle; a prankster and amazing storyteller and a part of my memories for my entire life...I will never think of him without smiling. I love you, Uncle Doyle, and I will miss you until I see you again in Heaven. Thank you for loving me and supporting me through everything.

Carol Hoppert Hays - May 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM

DH

“ I feel honored to join the Hoppert family 26 years ago. All my memories of my father in law Doyle are filled with God's love, laughter, family & hunting. Happy trails to you Doyle until we meet again. Much love Debbie Hoppert.

Debbie Hoppert - May 13, 2025 at 12:24 PM