



Gerald McKee

July 25, 1931 - October 12, 2016

Gerald R. McKee passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 12th with his loving family at his side. The eldest of four siblings, he was born in Dinuba CA on July 25th, 1931 to Iva and Norman McKee.

Gerald spent his early years in Elderwood, CA. where he developed a love for the mountains and deer hunting, something that he enjoyed throughout his life. He served in the US Navy on the USS Yorktown, and in 1953 married his sweetheart Alene Thornton. After his Honorable Discharge from the US Navy, He worked for airresearch as a welder in the Los Angeles area before moving to Visalia where he worked for Caltrans as a heavy equipment operator, until his retirement at the age of 62. He enjoyed 23 years of retirement. For 27 years he had the Visalia blue devils women's traveling softball team where he was the coach for one of the most winning and well know womens softball teams to ever represent Visalia. He was preceded in Death by his Dad Norman and Mother Iva McKee. Gerald is survived by his wife of 63 years Bernece McKee or as many may know her as Alene, His daughter Carol and Husband Jerry, His Brother Kenny and wife Virginia, Sister Beverly and husband Larry, Sister Joyce and husband Bob, Grandson Brian and wife Dede, 3 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren, 10 nieces and nephews and his beloved dogs Susie and Amy which he loved with all of his heart. He took care of us, and was a great provider. He enjoyed the simple things in life and was generous and caring, and a loyal friend, husband, dad, brother, and uncle. He did not say much, his actions spoke greater than

words, He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. A celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00 PM, a gathering of friends, family and food to be at the Lamplighter Inn, Visalia, CA. In Lieu of flowers, donations to the NRA or Valley Oak SPCA Arrangements are by Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Memorial

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Lamp LITER Inn
3300 West Mineral King
Visalia, CA 93291
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