



## Loyd Qualls

April 16, 1927 - October 8, 2023

Loyd Qualls was born on April 16, 1927 in Washita, Arkansas to Ebb Lee Qualls and Artha (Rains) Qualls and quietly passed away on October 8, 2023 at the age of 96 in Visalia, California.

He served as an Army private in Battery "A" 26th Battalion 7th Regiment Field Artillery Replacement Training Center. He received the Victory Medal and an Honorable Discharge from the Army on December 15, 1945 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Loyd arrived in California the day before his 19th birthday. He married Lera Lee Freeman on July 13, 1948. They spent 62 memorable and wonderful years together before her passing in 2011. Loyd loved his family and friends in Farmersville and later in Visalia. He relished spirited conversations with friends and had a keen mischievous sense of humor. He loved to tease and be teased. Loyd liked old cars. Loyd was very special to his grandchildren and attended their numerous sporting events and performances. He also loved to eat: especially chocolate chip cookies, brownies, berry cobbler, chocolate pudding on toast, and ice cold milk. Loyd attended Sierra Baptist Church in Visalia. He loved and was loved by his church family.

Loyd worked for Pinkham Farms as a foreman. In 1952, he joined the Laborers' International Union of North America and worked for United Pipe

and W.M. Lyles Co.

Loyd was vice mayor of Farmersville and served on the city council from 1971-1978.

Loyd was preceded in death by his wife Lera, his parents Ebb Lee and Artha (Rains) Qualls, his sister Lura Qualls, brother Dossie Qualls, sister Lossie Qualls, and brother Ebb Lee Qualls.

He is survived by his son Charles (Margaret) Qualls, daughter Gay (Gary) Carter, son Randal (Anna) Qualls, son Jimmy (Xuan) Qualls, grandchildren Christopher (Mariah Mitman) Qualls, Ian Qualls, Carrie (Kasey) Greek, Matthew (Amanda) Carter, William Andrew (Meghan) Qualls, Laura (Randy Hagmann) Qualls, Amy (Jason) Lanouette, Katelyn (Genaro) Alvarado, great grandchildren Russell Carter, Samuel Carter, Olivia Qualls, Quinlynn Qualls, Kipton Qualls, River Lanouette, Dallas Alvarado, Charley May Alvarado, sister-in-law Janice Paul, sister-in-law Patsy Freeman and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be emailed to [info@salseranddillard.com](mailto:info@salseranddillard.com).

A service will be held on Saturday October 21, 2023 at 10:30 am at Sierra Baptist Church 1437 E. Walnut Ave. in Visalia. Internment will be at Exeter Cemetery.

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

## Graveside

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Exeter District Cemetery  
719 E. Marinette Ave.  
Exeter, CA 93221

## Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Sierra Baptist Church  
1437 E. Walnut Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ Theresa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loyd Qualls.

Theresa G. - October 19, 2023 at 04:51 PM

JB

“ Jane B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loyd Qualls.

Jane B. - October 16, 2023 at 12:29 AM

AJ

“ Amy, J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loyd Qualls.

Amy, J. - October 15, 2023 at 11:42 PM