



Murray Lee Ashford

December 3, 1930 - May 8, 2015

NAME: Murray Lee Ashford AGE:84

RESIDENT OF: Visalia DATE OF DEATH: 5-8-2015

OCCUPATION: Diesel Mechanic PLACE OF DEATH: Visalia

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12/31/30-5/8/15

Murray Lee Ashford, age 84, of Farmersville, CA passed away on Friday, May 8, 2015 in Visalia, CA. Murray was born on Dec. 31, 1930 in Shawnee, OK to Grace Blanche and Roy (Dewey) Ashford. He came to CA with his parents and seven siblings at a young age, settling in Visalia, CA where he attended elementary school through high school. He was married to his first wife, Elaine Allen, in his early twenties, and they had two children together. Murray worked for Visalia Unified Bus Transport as a mechanic foreman and retired from that position after thirty-five years. In the latter part of his life, Murray took up many hobbies; amongst them were making custom rings out of authentic silverware, as well as making custom accessories for cowboy hats and boots. He also had an avid passion for collecting, riding, and racing various types of motorcycles. Murray is preceded in death by three of his siblings; Roy Ashford of Visalia, CA, Vera Akers of Antioch, CA and Ruby England of Visalia, CA.

He is survived by four of his siblings; Willie Ashford of Visalia CA, Wilma Ashford of Morrow Bay, CA , Loreta Simon of Tulare, CA, and Don Ashford of Utah. In addition, he is survived by his son, Murray (Brent) Ashford of Farmersville, CA his Daughter Sheila McMath of Visalia, CA, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Murray lived a life full of passion. He never knew a stranger; he had his own unique style, and was always the life of the party. For those he leaves behind, the world will be a lot less colorful in his absence. A memorial service to celebrate Murray's larger-than-life persona will be held at 3838 S. Court St. at the Visalia Community Church of Christ on May 18, 2015 from 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM.

SURVIVED BY:

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:

VISITATION: (none)

SERVICES: a memorial service will be held from 11 AM till 1 PM on May 18, 2015 at Visalia Community Church of Christ, 3838 S. Court St. Visalia CA.

BURIAL: (Private)

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a BEAUTIFUL Individual he was. The Obituary describes him to a tee. I met Murray at Timeless Treasures when I complimented him on how nicely dressed he was in his "SPECIALIZED" Cowboy Hat, Cowboy Boot, Leopard print Blinged Belt, and even Blinged sun Glasses. I am a Grandma and Papa's Girl so I adore Elderly, which Murray would remind me that HE DID NOT FIT IN THAT DESCRIPTION. I REMEMBER HIM AND THINK OF HIM OFTEN EVEN THOUGH I HAD INLY MET HIM ONCE. We talked literally for hours. He even told me of the specialized boots he had made for Clint Black, his website of his love for motorcycle riding, which scared me to death. His smile was a glimpse from a smile I miss so terribly, my Papa's smile. I hope I will be able to locate some of the family to get you the great Pictures I took of him that day. He was such a sweetheart. GOD HAS COLLECTED MANY ANGELS LATELY BUT ID LIKE TO SAY WHEN WE QUESTION OUR GOOD ONES VS THE ONES THAT MAKE OUR LIFE HORRIBLE, you must know he has seen something in Murray beyond our very own knowing a and has a plan. Thank you for sharing such a loving, genuine individual with all the world. You were very blessed to have him as FAMILY. MELISSA ANDERSON, tulare, ca*

Melissa Anderson - June 22, 2015 at 11:12 AM

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“ *I met Murray on 198 we rolled throttle come down from the lake. He was on his yellow V-max and I was one my ZL900 Eliminator. I would see him from time to time as we where both out and about. The last time I spoke with him he was having breakfast with his son at the Corner Café.
I will never forget his smiling face.*

Kenny Ray - May 17, 2015 at 07:11 AM