



Deputy Randy Joe Hoppert, Jr

February 11, 1991 - April 9, 2026

Randy J. Hoppert Jr., lovingly known as "Little Randy" and "Ran," was born on February 11, 1991, in Visalia, California. His life was tragically taken in the line of duty on April 9, 2026.

Randy was born to his parents, Stacy Schwab and Randy J. Hoppert Sr. He attended El Diamante High School in Visalia, where he formed lifelong friendships and demonstrated the strength of character, loyalty, and quiet determination that would guide him throughout his life.

After high school, Randy answered a higher calling to serve, embodying the words of Scripture: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8). He enlisted in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman, serving alongside the United States Marine Corps 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion during two deployments. Randy served with courage, honor, and an unwavering commitment to those beside him, earning the respect and trust of all who served with him.

Upon returning home, Randy continued his life of service by attending the police academy and was soon sworn in with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department. During his career, he served on the Gang and Narcotics Task Force, as a SWAT medic on the SWAT team, and as a member of the Fugitive

Apprehension Team. He was known among his peers not only for his bravery and skill, but for his selflessness, integrity, and the way he showed up without hesitation when others needed him most.

Outside of his service, Randy found peace and joy in the outdoors. He was an avid hunter who cherished time spent in nature, where he could reflect, reset, and share moments with those he loved. It was in those quiet places that his deep appreciation for life, family, and tradition could truly be felt.

Randy lived out the meaning of true sacrifice, reflected in the words: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:12-13). His life was a testament to that love, serving not only his country and community, but also his brothers beside him and the family he held closest to his heart.

Above all, Randy was a devoted husband and a loving father. His greatest pride and purpose in life was his family. He is survived by his wife Ashley and their three sons, Austin, Everhett, and unborn son Levi. He is also survived by his parents, Stacy and Randy, his loving sister Haylie Hoppert, his stepmother; step-siblings; grandmothers; aunts and uncles; countless cousins; and nieces and nephews who loved him deeply.

Randy's life was defined by service, sacrifice, and unwavering love. He leaves behind not only a legacy of courage and honor, but a lasting imprint on every life he touched. He will be deeply missed, forever remembered, and never forgotten.

Visitation will be held 4-7pm Monday, April 27th, 2026 at Visalia First Assembly of God, 3737 S Akers St, Visalia. Service Of Remembrance services will be held 10am Tuesday, April 28th, 2026, also at Visalia First Assembly of God.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 4:00 PM (PT)

Visalia First Assembly of God
3737 S Akers St
Visalia, CA 93277

Service of Remembrance

APR **28**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Deputy Randy Joe Hoppert, Jr*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 23 at 03:47 PM

SC

“ *Webcast of the Funeral Service on Tuesday April 28th from Visalia First Assembly of God church. Service begins at 10am.*

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Ct8sxr330m8>

Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapels - April 23 at 03:50 PM

SL

“ *May God hold your whole family in his loving arms at this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With our deepest condolences and love, Steve and Jackie Lawton*

Steve and Jackie Lawton - April 28 at 05:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deputy Randy Joe Hoppert, Jr.*



April 24 at 09:54 PM

BC

“ Blanca Carmona lit a candle in memory of Randy Hoppert



Blanca Carmona - April 20 at 05:20 PM

LM

“ Randy was the sweetest most loving person I know. Always a smile and a hug ready at a moments notice. Losing him is a tragic loss for his family.

Lynn Mathias - April 18 at 05:15 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Deputy Randy Joe Hoppert, Jr.



April 17 at 10:17 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by this horrific loss. Our condolences to the family, blood and blue. May your many happy memories carry you through these difficult days. Blessings to all.

Renee Watson - April 16 at 01:16 PM

JD

“ My condolences from a citizen in twin falls Idaho united states

James Dalos - April 15 at 03:32 PM

CM

“ *My deepest Condolences to the Family and friends! I pray God wraps his comforting arms around each of you and help you in this difficult time. Deputy Hoppert Jr. May you forever rest in peace.* 🙏💔🙏



Carlien Mustin - April 15 at 10:59 AM