



Robert Michael McClellan

June 23, 1932 - July 26, 2017

Robert Michael "Mike" McClellan went to be with his Lord on July 26. He was 85.

Mike was born in Porterville, CA on June 23, 1932 to James B. and Margaret (Shirley) McClellan. He began his schooling at St. Anne's School in Porterville. In 1941 he moved to Berkeley, CA and attended Whittier School before moving to Lindsay following the death of his mother. He moved to Lindsay where he lived with Walter and Marye Baxley, friends of his parents. There he attended Jefferson School. In 1943, he joined his father in San Diego where he attended Our Lady of the Angels School, Memorial Junior High, and San Diego High School. Following the death of his father in 1949, Mike returned to Lindsay and the Baxleys. In 1950, he graduated from Lindsay High School, where he had participated in football, track & field, and drama.

Following his high school graduation, Mike enlisted in the U.S. Navy one week before receiving his draft notice for the army. He served for the next four years, which included service during the Korean War.

He was honorably discharged from the navy in 1955, but soon after enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He continued to serve in the U.S. Air Force for the next sixteen years, completing twenty years of military service, retiring in 1971.

On November 6, 1955, Mike married Wanda Thomas. Together they had three children: Michael, Debbie, and Cherie.

Following his military retirement, he worked at Perma Rain Irrigation, the

Lindsay Gazette and the Visalia Times-Delta before working for the Lindsay Unified School District as head custodian at Lindsay High. After both retiring from Lindsay Unified School District, Mike and Wanda moved to Oaktree Estates in Visalia.

Mike McClellan is survived by his wife of 61 years, Wanda McClellan of Visalia; his brother Jim McClellan of San Carlos; his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Esther McClellan of Martinez, CA; daughters Debbie McClellan of Visalia and Cherie Aldrich and (John Wentworth) of Exeter; grandchildren Joshua McClellan and (Seth Jawitz), Audra O'Connell, Stephanie Victorino and (Justin), Seth McClellan, Holly McClellan and Nicole Aldrich; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike was known as a kind, gentle, thoughtful, and loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother-in-law, and friend.

He was so honored to have served his country, loved his family and his Lord, Jesus Christ, and truly believed in God's amazing grace.

A service will be held at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel in Visalia on August 6 at 1:00 P.M., followed by a reception in the Oaktree Estates clubhouse.

A Memorial Tribute can be offered by logging into www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

AUG 6. 1:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Robert Michael McClellan*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 06, 2017 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Cherie lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael McClellan*



Cherie - August 06, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Michael McClellan.*



August 05, 2017 at 11:44 AM

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“ Angie Aldrich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Michael McClellan.



Angie Aldrich - August 04, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Michael McClellan.



August 03, 2017 at 01:17 PM

AU

“ The greatest Papa that ever lived. The lover of ice cream, S.F. Giants baseball, hard work, and his family.



Audra - August 02, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Michael McClellan.



August 02, 2017 at 02:06 PM

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“ *Mike was truly a wonderful brother-in-law. What other brother-in-law would take his time to teach you to drive. We had a lot of fun. Mike was truly a gentle and kind person with much love to give. He will always
be remembered with love.*

Zelma Lansford - August 02, 2017 at 08:42 AM