



Roy Cranford Minyard

October 24, 1927 - March 19, 2021

Roy Minyard, 93, peacefully passed away in his sleep at home in Tulare, CA, Friday, March 19, 2021. Born October 24, 1927, in Oklahoma, the fourth child of Jess and Eula Minyard, the family moved to California when he was six years old.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Doris Richmond Minyard, and siblings Inez Holliman, Gene Minyard, Ray Minyard, and Bob Minyard.

Roy is survived by his wife of 15 years Vivian Minyard and brother Don Minyard (Tehachapi).

Children: Sharon Van Weerdhuizen (Dan), Gary Minyard (Connie), Janice Minyard, Donna Finley (Ken), Betty Morehead (Jim), and Larry Minyard (Fay)

Grandchildren: Jason Morehead (Holly), Amanda Taylor (Tracy Ferreira), Justin Morehead (Emilee), Eric Finley (Mary), Bryn Minyard (Tiffany), Bret Minyard (Britni), Kayla Minyard, Mallory DeHoog (Bruce), Brandon Serafin, and Mikaela Serafin

Great Grandchildren: Andrew, Kiersten, Nathaniel, Zachary, Ethan and Heidi Morehead (Jason); Isaac, Warren, Graham, Rex and Julia Morehead (Justin); Evan, Kaydence and Avery Finley (Eric); Brexton Minyard (Bret); Madisyn Wilson (Bryn); Melody Andersen-Smith Perez, Layla Andersen-Smith, Maycie and Seth Taylor and Sadie Ferreira (Amanda); Kylee and Gianna Serafin (Brandon)

Also surviving are Linda Castor, Debbie Brantley (Bob), Terry Longan (Bill), Suzanne Braaten (Mark), Kathy Jarvis (Mark), and their 13 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 2 great great-grandchildren.

Roy served in the Army after graduating from Tulare Union High School in 1945. He had a 61-year career in auto parts starting with Green Motor Parts which led to owning his own business, Minyard Auto Parts, for 46 years until he retired in 2013.

Roy was a man of respect and integrity with a deep love for all his family and friends. He was a quiet man who loved the mountains and the outdoors and enjoyed talking about his adventures. His standards were high, and he set a great example of kindness and compassion. He led with strength, wisdom, and love. He has left his earthly body but is now in the presence and arms of Jesus.

We would like to thank those who made Roy's/Dad's final months much easier: Dr. Miyakawa, Shelly, Tina, Rachel, Sonia and Amanda.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 7, 4:00-7:00 PM at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Avenue, Visalia. A service will be held Thursday, April 8, 10:00 am, at Salser & Dillard. Masks are required. Live streaming of the service will be available via <https://www.salseranddillardvisalia.com/>

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations, in memory of Roy, be sent to: Tulare City Historical Museum, 444 West Tulare Avenue, Tulare, CA 93274, Tulare Hospital Foundation, 906 N Cherry Street, Tulare, CA 93274, or your own favorite charity

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral

APR 8. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Roy Cranford Minyard*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 08, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy Cranford Minyard*



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“ *The world is a sadder place because of the loss of one of the kindest and gentlest of men. My DAD, Roy Minyard. He was a quiet man, a man of few words, but when he spoke, we (his six brood) listened. He guided us, encouraged us to dream and be whatever we wanted to attempt. He was there to support, pick up the pieces when we fell, and teach us to be independent. Especially his girls, and there were a lot of us. He taught us to camp, fish, and take care of ourselves. He loved and respected nature and shared that love with all of us. I remember how he just laughed at me when I loved to fish but never touched a single one. I only needed a pair of plyers since if we caught we had to take it off the hook. I have sooooo many memories to cherish forever. He gave us hope and love that we never doubted I am just so happy that I was able to have Dad & Vivian in our home this past year plus. I would not trade that time for all the money in the world. I love and miss you but know you are in the most wonderful place ever. Say "howdy" to all the family there.*

Sharon Van Weerdhuizen - March 31, 2021 at 11:25 PM

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“ *My late husband, Don Tripp, worked many years with Roy in the auto industry. Don loved and respected Roy for the good and decent hard working man that he was. He enjoyed his friendship with him tremendously. My heart and condolences go out to all the family at this very sad time. May God bless you and comfort you.*
Callie Tripp and family

Callie Tripp - March 30, 2021 at 10:41 AM

SP

“ *I was saddened to hear of your loss. I remember going to the Minyard home as a teenager and feelings of comfort. I have memories of Roy's smile and humor. He is in the comforting arms of God now.*

Susan Chrisman Pickett - March 27, 2021 at 02:35 PM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dear father. Our parents, George and Frances Watry, thought the world of your father and mother Doris. They spent many happy B of A events together. We enjoyed knowing the children from the Minyard families as we went through our years of schooling in Tulare. Precious memories. May you find comfort and peace in knowing that your Dad is resting with loved ones. Judy, Mike and Steve Watry

Judy Watry-Dlugonski - March 27, 2021 at 01:22 PM